

Redeeming Sons of God

Genesis 3 records for us that Adam & Eve rebelled against the Father. Their selfish hearts succumbed to Satan's temptation causing them to rebel against God's command. In doing so, they destroyed their relationship with the Father and were doomed to spend eternity separated from Him. Would God come up with a plan to make them again a son or daughter? The answer comes in Genesis 3.15. A man from a woman will be born to take back humans from the power of Satan. In Galatians 3.16, Paul says Jesus is the end of the prophecy in Genesis 3.15. And in the time between the fall and the arrival of Christ, the Jews hoped in the Messiah. He came *in the fullness of time*. What does that mean?

I. Understanding the Context

- A. 3.6-29: Those in Christ are Abraham's seed and heirs of an eternal inheritance.
 - 1. 3.6 - **Abraham** was justified by faith ... not law.
 - 2. 3.9: Abraham is the model of salvation...
 - 3. 3.13a - *Christ redeemed us from the **curse** of law ... which is sin and death.*
 - 4. 3.13b - Christ became the curse in our place.
 - 5. 3.16 - the aim of the promises to Abraham is **Christ**.
 - 6. 3.21 - the purpose of the law is not to bring life.
 - 7. 3.24 - the law was added to drive us to Christ.
 - 8. 3.25-29 - And now that Christ has come, *we are **sons** of God through faith.*
- B. 4.1-11: Preparation for Sonship
 - 1. 4.1-3 - mankind under the law...
 - 2. 4.4-7 - the restoration of sonship.
 - 3. 4.8-11 - trust in Christ, don't go back.

II. 4.4: The Event

- A. 4.4b: *God sent His **Son**.* It was personal. Only begotten.
 - 1. Think of the divine commission. *God **sent** Him...*
 - 2. He was appointed, sent, and anointed for His work by God's authority.
- B. 4.4c: *born of a **woman**.*
 - 1. Emphasis here is not on the virgin birth as much as it is on His humanity.
- C. 4.4d: *God sent His Son, **born under the law**.*
 - 1. Subject to ceremonial and moral law ... all for the purpose of atonement.

III. 4.5: The Purpose:

- A. 4.5a - It was to **redeem** those under the law... that's everyone. (Jew or Gentile)
 - 1. Buy back.
 - 2. From our own personal guilt, sin, misery, and eternal death.
- B. 4.5b - It was so that we might receive **adoption**
 - 1. Status.
 - 2. He took us and made us His child. It was by His decree. John 1:12: *But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name,*

IV. Conclusion:

- A. 4.6: The Confirmation of Sonship
 - 1. The Spirit confirms your being a son or daughter of God.
- B. 4.7: The Consummation of Sonship
 - 1. We are heirs again.
- C. Isn't God Amazing? Will you let Him into your life?