

FROM SLAVE, TO SON AND HEIR

(Galatians 4.1-7)

Central Idea: *God has declared believers to be adult sons in His family and so the law no longer has authority over us.*

I. Illustration: Slave (1-3)

II. Reality: Son (4-5)

A. *God sent forth His Son* (4)

1. *when the fullness of the time came*

2. *born of a woman*

3. *born under the Law*

B. Redemption provided (5)

III. Result: Heir (6-7)

A. Father-son relationship

B. Heir with the Son

Questions for Personal or Group Consideration

1. What are the differences between the way a slave on an estate and the child of the estate owner relate to the master/owner?
2. How does this parallel our relationship with God as His child?
3. Consider the timing of God. He does everything perfectly, including the sending of His Son. How do you see the timing of God's working in your life?
4. How should understanding God as our Father (daddy) impact our prayer life?
5. Is adoption something you *experience* as well as *understand*?
6. When are you most in danger of living like a slave rather than a son?

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Adoption

Placing a person into the position of adult sonship with all the enjoyments, rights and privileges of that position

Regeneration vs Adoption

Regeneration	Adoption
Child of God	Son of God
Enter God's family	Placed as an adult son in God's family
Matter of relationship	Matter of position



The law could not redeem us or place us as adult sons in God's family – only GRACE could do that.

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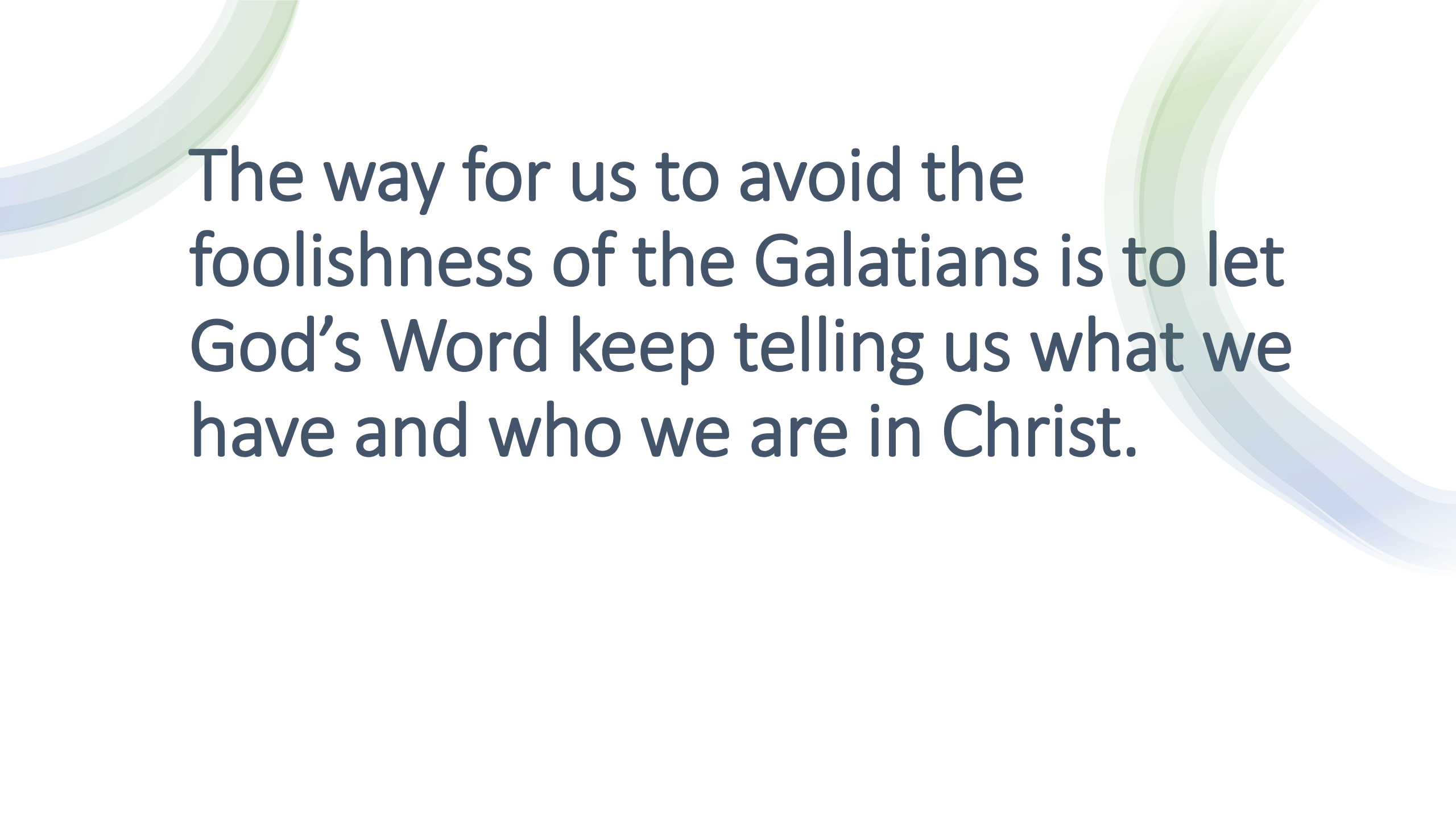
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The way for us to avoid the foolishness of the Galatians is to let God's Word keep telling us what we have and who we are in Christ.