

#### FROM SLAVES TO SONS

— Galatians 4:1-7 —

God's purpose in sending forth His Son culminates with our adoption. Adoption is an act of God, whereby He makes us members of His family.

## We are no longer slaves; we are now sons and daughters.

- 1) The Preparation for Adoption (VS 1-3)
  - 2) The Basis of Adoption (VS 4-5)
- 3) The Experience of Adoption (VS 6-7)

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.

In the same way <u>we</u> also, when <u>we</u> were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.

# God knew about our slavery and set a plan in motion.

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But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,

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But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law

to redeem those who were under the law.

to redeem those who were under the law, so that

### The cross transforms us from slaves to sons.

to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

"To be right with God the Judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father is greater."

-J.I. Packer

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

If you love God, it is the fruit of God's love for you.

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# We are no longer slaves; we are now sons and daughters.

So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Who we are does not depend on who we are, but on who God is.

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  - 2) Rest in your adoption by rejecting spiritual slavery.

