

Read Galatians 4:1-7

1. As you read this text and think through the sermon, what stands out to you, encourages you, or challenges you?

Verses 1-3

2. Paul begins with an illustration about a child heir. What is the heir's condition while he is still a child? Why does Paul say the heir is "no different from a slave," even though he owns everything?
3. Paul applies the illustration to believers in verse 3. Before the Galatians became Christians, how were they like slaves? What are the "elemental principles of this world", and how were we enslaved to them?

Verses 4-5

4. What does Paul mean by the Fullness of Time? Why was the timing of Jesus' coming significant?
5. How do verses 4-5 of our text describe Jesus Christ, and how is he uniquely qualified to redeem and Adopt Us?

Verses 6-7

6. How does the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer help him experience his Sonship (Being a child of God)? What is the significance of the Holy Spirit crying out, "Abba, Father"?
7. What did Jesus redeem us from, and what did he adopt us into? What is the practical difference between being a "slave" versus a "son" in our daily lives?

PRAY