



OVERVIEW &

GALATIANS 4:1-7

"Slaves to Sons"

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BIBLE STUDY

TEXT QUESTIONS

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1. What is the tone of Chp 1-3?
2. What are you doing?!?!? (Rebuke 1:6-9)

GALATIANS 1:6-9

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; ⁷ which is *really* not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! ⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

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3. **Not by the LAW. Justification is by Christ, by the Spirit, by FAITH!
(2:15– 3:14)**

GALATIANS 2:19-21

For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. ²¹ “I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

REVIEW : CHP 1-3 SUMMARY

Where did we leave off? 3:22-29

But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. ²³ But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

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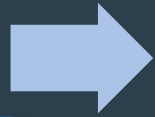
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 - a. **V4:11-12 I fear I labored in vain, “I beg you”**
 - b. **V4:15 Where is that sense of blessing you had???**
 - c. **V4:20 I’m perplexed about you.**

4:1 - 5:12

- **Doctrinal & Argumentative**



5:13 - 6:10

- **Application & Practical**



6:11-15

- **Concluding summary**

a. 4:1-20 Sonship in Christ

“So, what’s going on???”

b. 4:21-31 Bondwoman vs Freewoman.

c. 5:1-12 Christ set us free, stand firm!

***FREEDOM AS CHILDREN OF GOD**

4:1 - 5:12

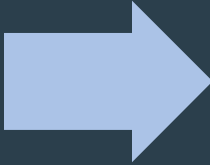
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- a. **5:13-26 Walk by the Spirit**
- b. **6:1-10 Bear fruit & do good**

***FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

5:13 - 6:10

- **Application & Practical**



- a) **6:11-15 The boastful vs the faithful**
- b) **6:17-18 Closing Mic drop
& Closing grace**

6:11-15

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Galatians 4:1-7 “Slaves to Sons”

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Galatians 4:1-7

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Galatians 4:8–9 (NASB95)

However, at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?

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Romans 8:15–17 (NASB95)

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

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Discussion Questions

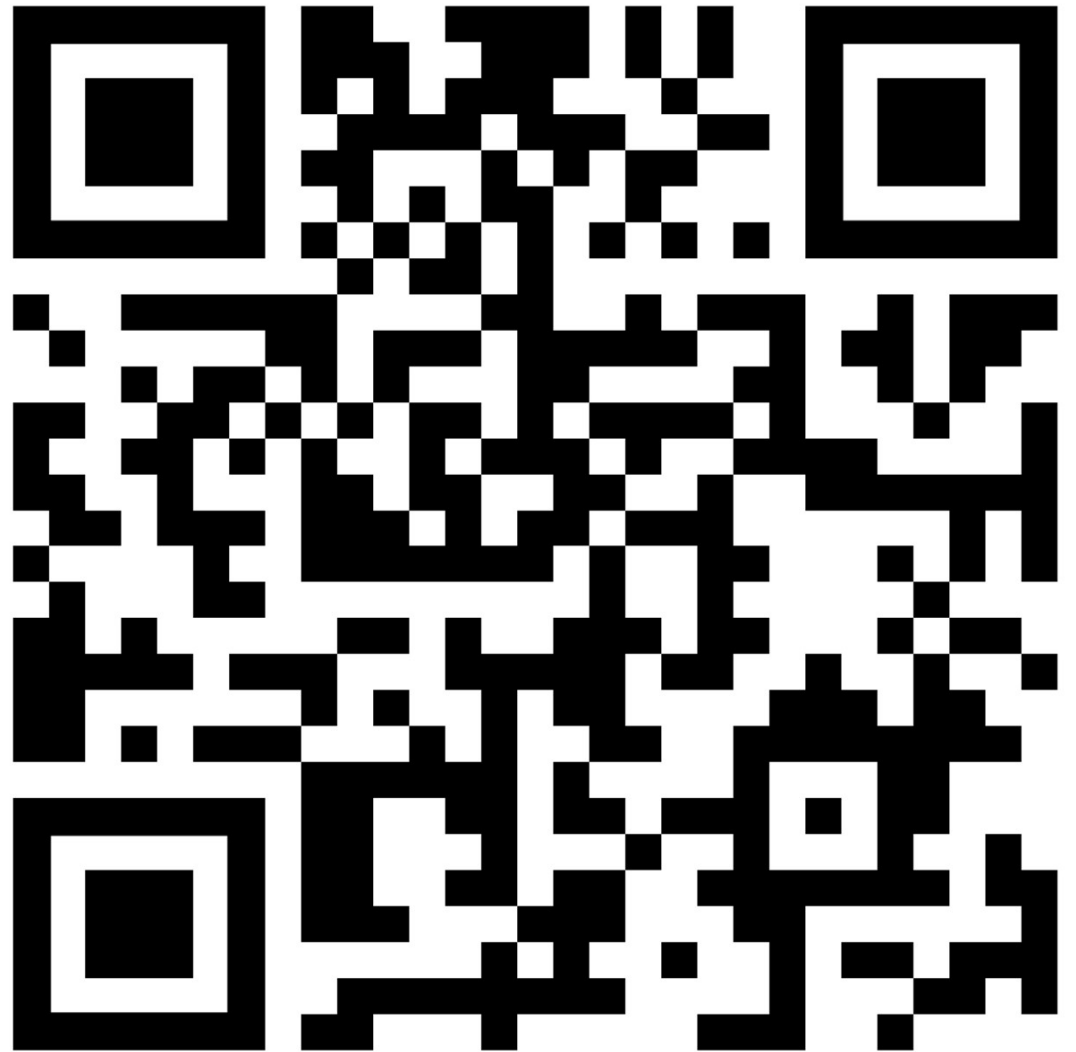
- 1. Doubt: What are some attacks* we experience, where our assurance about our relationship with our Heavenly Father is tested? What are the damages (or additional spiritual problems) that rise from living in doubt / lack of assurance for a prolonged time?**
- 2. Identity as Sons: I hope you feel the power of your identity as a child of God in Christ.**
 - a. What are the implications of our spiritual Identity as a child of God?**
 - b. Were there moments for you, where your Identity as a child of God mattered & impacted you? ... perhaps helped you through spiritual difficulties?**
- 3. Meditate from God's perspective: What does God think / How does God feel when He sees His children reverting to legalism, trusting works of flesh & acting like employees?**
- 4. Thankfulness : Any reflections of gratitude for what God has done in the "fullness of time?"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Men's Ministry
Fellowship—
Saturday, 2/17 at
9AM

\$10/person
Coffee, light
refreshments, and
lunch provided



**Cleaning and
Maintenance**

**Day –
Saturday, 3/9
at 9AM**

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Additional Announcements

- 1. Please reserve the nearby parking lots for the sisters. Also remember that we cannot park at Kimco lot (on other side of chain fence) on Wednesday nights.**
- 2. BAM Winter Retreat 2/23-25**