AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME

Galatians 4:1–12 – Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world. But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. Before you Gentiles knew God, you were slaves to so-called gods that do not even exist. So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world? You are trying to earn favor with God by observing certain days or months or seasons or years. I fear for you. Perhaps all my hard work with you was for nothing. Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to live as I do in freedom from these things, for I have become like you Gentiles—free from those laws.

Everyone will live as slaves or as sons.

1. Slaves of legalism.
    - An attempt to gain good standing with God based on works.
    - A false picture trying to appear real.
    - Feeds our pride.
    - Lies about our security.
2. Sons of God.
    - We are adopted as God's children.
        - The requirements for adoption:
            - The right time.
            - The right qualifications.
            - The right resolve.

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- We are known by God.
    - The results of being known by God:
        - Heirs to the kingdom.
        - Freed from sin.
        - No more wondering if you've done enough.

Every decision you make determines which life you will live.

Coming soon:

1. **Connect:** Use the QR code to connect with DRC and to sign up for info and prayer updates.
2. **Holiday Mash-Up:** The holidays can be chaotic, frustrating, and less than joyful. Mark your calendars for Friday, November 6, at 6:00 pm for our annual women's event and discover how to not only survive but shine the light of Jesus during the holidays. Use the QR code to register today.
3. **Christmas for Our Neighbors:** Use the QR code or stop by the display on Main St. to find out how you can give and serve our neighbors during this Christmas season.
4. **DRC 101:** Want to learn more about DRC and how to become a member? Sign up today for our next DRC 101 class: Sunday, November 8, during the 9:15 am service.