

TIME TO GRADUATE

GALATIANS 4:1-11



I. It's time to graduate from the elementary principles.

II. It's time to graduate for the fullness of time has come.

III. It's time to graduate for we are known by God.

Galatians 4:1 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, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.

I. IT'S TIME TO GRADUATE FROM
THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES.

GALATIANS

EXPERIENCE FREEDOM



- 1. Guardians of the person***
- 2. Managers of the property***

I. IT'S TIME TO GRADUATE FROM
THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES.

GALATIANS

EXPERIENCE FREEDOM



***“When we lose the right to be different,
we lose the privilege to be free.”***

Charles Evans Hughes

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

II. IT'S TIME TO GRADUATE FOR THE
FULLNESS OF TIME HAS COME.

GALATIANS

EXPERIENCE FREEDOM



- 1. Greek Language***
- 2. Roman Roads***
- 3. Jewish Worship***

II. IT'S TIME TO GRADUATE FOR THE
FULLNESS OF TIME HAS COME.

GALATIANS

EXPERIENCE FREEDOM



***“For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given...”***

Isaiah 9:6a

II. IT'S TIME TO GRADUATE FOR THE
FULLNESS OF TIME HAS COME.

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EXPERIENCE FREEDOM



- *State of Liberty*
- *Spirit of adoption*

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FULLNESS OF TIME HAS COME.

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4:6 Language of freemen

4:7 Contrast with a slave

Galatians 4:8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years! 11 I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

III. IT'S TIME TO GRADUATE
FOR WE ARE KNOWN BY GOD.

GALATIANS

EXPERIENCE FREEDOM



4:8 είδότες (eidotes) - “know by seeing”

4:9 γνόντες (gnontes) - “know by experiencing”

III. IT'S TIME TO GRADUATE
FOR WE ARE KNOWN BY GOD.

GALATIANS

EXPERIENCE FREEDOM



- *To know God*
- *To be known by God*

APPLICATION

1. Christ's crucifixion granted my graduation.

2. Jesus walked out of the grave that I may walk in freedom.

3. The way to maturity is always moving forward by faith.