

Galatians 4

I. As long as you are in the law, you are a child. Vs. 1-3

A. A child that is an heir is no different than a servant. Vs. 1

B. A child is a servant under tutors and governors until maturity.
Vs. 2

C. A child is in bondage under the elements of the world. Vs. 3

II. Jesus matures a child to a son by grace. Vs. 4-6

A. In the fullness of time God sent his Son. Vs. 4

Mark 1:15

“And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.”

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

1 John 4:9-10

“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

John 1:14

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

B. Made of a woman, made under the law. Vs. 4

Luke 1:34-35

“Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall

overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

Romans 1:3

“Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;”

C. To redeem them that were under the law. Vs. 5

Colossians 1:13-20

“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:”

D. That we might receive the adoption of sons. Vs. 5

Romans 8:15

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”

Ephesians 1:5-7

“Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”

E. Proof that you are a son of God. Vs. 6

John 14:16

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;”

Romans 8:15-17

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

Matthew 6:9

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.”

III. In Jesus you are no longer a servant (child), but a son of God. Vs. 7

A. You are an heir of God. Vs. 7

Romans 8:17

“And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

Galatians 3:29

“And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

IV. As a son of God, why are you acting like a child, by serving rituals?

Vs. 8-10

Ephesians 2:11-13

“Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.”

Colossians 2:20-23

“Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.”

V. Follow Paul’s example. Vs. 11-20

VI. The allegory of Hagar and Sarah. Vs. 21-31

A. You that desire to be under the law, haven’t you learned anything from the law? Vs. 21

B. Abraham had two sons. Vs. 22

Genesis 16:2-3

“And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And Sarai Abram’s wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.”

Genesis 16:15

“And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son’s name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.”

Genesis 21:1-3

“And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.”

1. The son of the bondwoman. Vs. 23

a) Born after the flesh. Vs. 23

2. The son of the freewoman. Vs. 23

a) Born by promise. Vs. 23

C. The two sons are the two covenants. Vs. 24

1. Mount Sinai. (Law) Vs. 24

a) Hagar, Ishmael, bondage. Vs. 24

b) Answers to earthly Jerusalem which is in bondage.
Vs. 25

2. Heavenly Jerusalem. (Grace) Vs. 26

a) Free, the mother of us all. Vs. 26

b) Sarah, Isaac, of promise. Vs. 28

D. Ishmael persecuted Isaac. Vs. 29

1. The flesh persecutes the spirit. Vs. 29

Romans 8:1-16

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 ¶ And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:”

E. Cast out the bondwoman and her son. Vs. 30

F. We are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free. Vs. 31

John 1:12-13

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

John 8:36

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”