

Galatians 3 - 4:7

”Sons and Daughters of God”

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One of the most striking promises of the Gospel is that we will have freedom in Christ. But what does this mean and how can it change our lives? Let’s dig into the book of Galatians and learn more about this remarkable letter where Paul is engaged in “the battle for the gospel” -the first great theological battle in the history of the church.

Let’s Get Started:

1. What stayed with you from Sunday’s sermon?
2. Was there any part of the sermon or reading of the scripture that drew you in and made you want to dig deeper?

Let’s Get in the Word:

- Read Galatians 3:1-5.
 - Paul is clearly disappointed. What are the questions that he asks the Galatians in this passage?
 - What do you think their response may have been? What did Paul want the Galatians to understand in verse 5?
- Read Galatians 3:6-14.
 - Why was Abraham credited as righteous?
 - What does Paul say about those who rely on keeping the law?
 - Who does Paul say redeemed us from the curse of the law?
- Read Galatians 3:15-25
 - What would happen if the inheritance depends on the law? (verse 18)

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- What two questions does Paul ask in verses 19 & 21? Paul asks 8 questions in Galatians 3. What is Paul training the Galatians to do?
- Who does the scripture declare is a prisoner of sin? (verse 22)
- What was the purpose of the law? (verse 24)
- Read Galatians 3:26-4:7
 - What does Paul mean in verse 26 when he says, You are all sons of God?
 - Interestingly, verse 28 is not needed to make Pauls' point. Why do you think God inspired him to add these crucial words?
 - According to verse 4, what did God do "when the time had fully come".
 - Paul uses the term Abba, Father in verse 6. This is an address of special intimacy not typically found in Judaism. Why do you think Paul used that term here?

Let's Apply this to our lives:

- What if Paul appeared to the church today and said, " You foolish people!" What are some things we might be guilty of?
- What if anything do you think was appealing about living under the law?
- Do you find that you put yourself under some type of law that you then try to keep?
- Do you still have unanswered questions about this passage?

Challenge for the week: If you'd like more background on Abraham and the covenant the Lord made with him, please read the following scripture this week:

Genesis 12:1-9

Genesis 13:14-18

Genesis 15:1-21