

## Let Us Know You're Here

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Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 2026 | Sons & Daughters - 1 | Galatians 4:1-11 | Sam Ward, pastor

## DIFFERENT STORIES, SAME SLAVERY

*Galatians 3:29 ...if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. 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.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ were seen as natural sons and heirs.

*Matthew 3:9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ were seen as "enslaved to the elementary principles".

*Jeremiah 16:20 Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!*

3. Jews and the Gentiles are under the \_\_\_\_\_ !

## BUT...GOD SENT HIS SON

*Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ works because of the only true son.

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son...*

a. The “fullness of time” is \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*Mark 1:14 ...Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”*

b. Jesus was “born of a \_\_\_\_\_, born under the \_\_\_\_\_ to redeem”.

*Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head...*

c. We receive adoption as \_\_\_\_\_!

2. Adoption was God’s plan from \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Ephesians 1:4 ...he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ...*

## ADOPTION MEANS GOD KNOWS YOU

*Galatians 4:6 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.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ can cry out to “Abba, Father”.

2. This is the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ crying out.

*Mark 14:35 “And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”*

3. Your adoption is revealed in \_\_\_\_\_,  
not \_\_\_\_\_.

## GOING BACK IS SLAVERY

*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.*

1. Paul’s Review: \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_!

2. Paul has a \_\_\_\_\_...or should I say *phobeō*?

3. Paul is shocked that we \_\_\_\_\_ to go back!

4. Wait, \_\_\_\_\_ do we want to go back?

a. We are \_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 3:23-4:3)

b. We want \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ rooted in fear.

## LIVE LIKE SONS AND DAUGHTERS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Galatians 4:9 ...you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God...*

2. Being known → \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus has done the work.

3. Being an heir → \_\_\_\_\_ in hope for “finalization”.

*Romans 8:23 ...we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved....*

4. Being adopted → \_\_\_\_\_ now, even in the messy middle.

## Ask Yourself

When life gets hard, who do I cry out to?