

Paul, an apostle—not from men or by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead—and all the brothers who are with me:

To the churches of Galatia.

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

No Other Gospel

I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from him who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—² not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are troubling you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ³ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, a curse be on him! ⁴ As we have said before, I now say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, a curse be on him!

⁵ For am I now trying to persuade people, or God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

SET FREE



The Origin of Paul's Gospel

¹ For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. ² For I did not receive it from a human source and I was not taught it, but it came by a revelation of Jesus Christ.

³ For you have heard about my former way of life in Judaism: I intensely persecuted God's church and tried to destroy it. ⁴ I advanced in Judaism beyond many contemporaries among my people, because I was extremely zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ⁵ But when God, who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by his grace, was pleased ⁶ to reveal his Son in me, so that I could preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone. ⁷ I did not go up to Jerusalem to those who had become apostles before me; instead I went to Arabia and came back to Damascus.

⁸ Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas, and I stayed with him fifteen days. ⁹ But I didn't see any of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. ¹⁰ I declare in the sight of God: I am not lying in what I write to you.

¹¹ Afterward, I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ¹² I remained personally unknown to the Judean churches that are in Christ. ¹³ They simply kept hearing, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith he once tried to destroy." ¹⁴ And they glorified God because of me.

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“ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

~ GALATIANS 5:1 (NIV)

Galatians: A Book of Contrasts

THE TRUE GOSPEL

Grace alone, Faith alone, Christ alone
Freedom
Faith
Grace
Fruits of the Spirit

Vs.

THE FALSE GOSPEL

Jesus + ...
Bondage
Good Works
Law
Desires of the Flesh

vs.

“ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

¹ What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ² The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³ So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you know God—rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again.”

~ GALATIANS 3:26-4:9 (NIV)

Main Ideas:

- You are a child of God _____.
- You become an adopted _____.
- Adoption changes your status from _____.

The Benefits of Being Adopted as God's Child

1. You are an _____ of God. *Romans 8:14-17*

Being an Heir Means...

- We get the _____. *John 14:1-4*
- We get the _____.
- We get a seat at the _____. *Revelation 19:9*

Five Crowns In The New Testament

- Imperishable Crown (*1 Corinthians 9:24-25*)
- Crown of Rejoicing (*1 Thessalonians 2:19*)
- Crown of Righteousness (*2 Timothy 4:8*)
- Crown of Glory (*1 Peter 5:4*)
- Crown of Life (*Revelation 2:10*)

2. You have full access to the _____.

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~ GALATIANS 4:6-7A (NIV)

- We have access through the Indwelling _____.
- We have access to our _____.

“ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

~ HEBREWS 4:16 (NIV)

3. You have a liberating _____.

“ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

~ GALATIANS 3:27 (NIV)

“ Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

~ COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 (NIV)

SO WHAT?

It's time to live like I am _____.

DISCUSSION Questions: COMMUNITY GROUP VIDEOS available on the APP |     Google TV

- 1 - Paul says, Christ came to set us free from slavery. What are some things which can enslave people today?
- 2 - According to Galatians 3:26-4:9, what is the difference between living as a slave and living as a child of God?
- 3 - Why do you think Paul emphasizes that we become God's children "through faith" and not through good works or some other way?

- 4 - Which benefit of being God's adopted child means the most to you right now: being an heir, having access to the Father, or having a new identity? Why?
- 5 - What does it practically look like to "live like you are God's child" in everyday life?
- 6 - Is there an area of your life where you tend to live more like a slave (fear, shame, trying to earn God's approval, etc.) instead of resting in your identity as God's child?

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