

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.

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The Origin of Paul's Gospel

¹⁰ For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. ¹¹ 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.

¹² For you have heard about my former way of life in Judaism: I intensely persecuted God's church and tried to destroy it. ¹³ I advanced in Judaism beyond many contemporaries among my people, because I was extremely zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁴ But when God, who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁵ to reveal his Son in me, so that I could preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone. ¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to get to know Cephas, and I stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁸ But I didn't see any of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. ¹⁹ I declare in the sight of God: I am not lying in what I write to you.

²⁰ Afterward I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²¹ I remained personally unknown to the Judean churches that are in Christ. ²² They simply kept hearing, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith he once tried to destroy." ²³ And they glorified God because of me.

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We are _____ as children.

“ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.”

~ GALATIANS 4:7 (NLT)

“ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.”

~ EPHESIANS 1:5 (NLT)

A child has _____, a slave has a _____.

_____ in childhood _____.

“ Before you Gentiles knew God, you were slaves to so-called gods that do not even exist. So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world? You are trying to earn favor with God by observing certain days or months or seasons or years. I fear for you. Perhaps all my hard work with you was for nothing. Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to live as I do in freedom from these things, for I have become like you Gentiles - free from those laws.”

~ GALATIANS 4:8-12A (NLT)

“ In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable. Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. ”

~ ROMANS 14:5-6A (NLT)

“ You did not mistreat me when I first preached to you. Surely you remember that I was sick when I first brought you the Good News. But even though my condition tempted you to reject me, you did not despise me or turn me away. No, you took me in and cared for me as though I were an angel from God or even Christ Jesus himself. Where is that joyful and grateful spirit you felt then? I am sure you would have taken out your own eyes and given them to me if it had been possible. Have I now become your enemy because I am telling you the truth?”

~ GALATIANS 4:12B-16 (NLT)

Don't get taken in _____.

“ Those false teachers are so eager to win your favor, but their intentions are not good. They are trying to shut you off from me so that you will pay attention only to them. If someone is eager to do good things for you, that's all right; but let them do it all the time, not just when I'm with you.

Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives. I wish I were with you right now so I could change my tone. But at this distance I don't know how else to help you.”

~ GALATIANS 4:17-20 (NLT)

False Teachers _____ have people who _____ .

“ Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.”

~ EPHESIANS 4:14-15 (NLT)

Who's your _____ ?

“ Tell me, you who want to live under the law, do you know what the law actually says? The Scriptures say that Abraham had two sons, one from his slave wife and one from his freeborn wife. The son of the slave wife was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise. But the son of the freeborn wife was born as God's own fulfillment of his promise.

These two women serve as an illustration of God's two covenants. The first woman, Hagar, represents Mount Sinai where people received the law that enslaved them. And now Jerusalem is just like Mount Sinai in Arabia, because she and her children live in slavery to the law. But the other woman, Sarah, represents the heavenly Jerusalem. She is the free woman, and she is our mother.

As Isaiah said, 'Rejoice, O childless woman, you who have never given birth! Break into a joyful shout, you who have never been in labor! For the desolate woman now has more children than the woman who lives with her husband!'

And you, dear brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, just like Isaac. But you are now being persecuted by those who want you to keep the law, just as Ishmael, the child born by human effort, persecuted Isaac, the child born by the power of the Spirit.

But what do the Scriptures say about that? 'Get rid of the slave and her son, for the son of the slave woman will not share the inheritance with the free woman's son.' So, dear brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman; we are children of the free woman.”

~ GALATIANS 4:21-31 (NLT)

Old Covenant

New Covenant

Based on _____ .

Based on _____ .

Hagar was _____ .

Sarah was _____ .

Ishmael was conceived by _____ .

Isaac was conceived by _____ .

SO WHAT?

Do you live so that God will _____ ?

OR...

Do you live because God has _____ ?

“ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, 'Abba, Father.' Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.”

~ GALATIANS 4:6-7 (NLT)

DISCUSSION Questions: COMMUNITY GROUP VIDEOS available on the APP |

- 1- If you could adopt a child would you adopt an infant or an older child and why?
- 2- Tell of a time in your life where you had to be "adopted" into a situation, group or family? What did that feel like?
- 3- Re-read Galatians 4:6-7. What does it mean to you to be adopted by God?
- 4- Re-read Galatians 4:8-9. When was a time in your spiritual journey that you regressed and fell back into "the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world?" How did you find your way back to spiritual growth?
- 5- Re-read Galatians 4:15. How can the law and legalism can take away your joy?
- 6- What does it mean for you to live because God has adopted you? Is there anything you would do differently if you more fully saw yourself as God's child and heir?
- 7- How can you tangibly give up trying to earn God's favor and simply rest in being his child?

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