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Galatians 3:23-4:7, Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.



24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.



25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek,

there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And 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. 4 But when the fullness of time had come,

God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law,

so that we might receive adoption as sons. 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.

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John 3:16,17, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



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Galatians 3:26, ...In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

Galatians 3:28, There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 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...



Galatians 4:2, ...But he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.

Galatians 4:3, In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.



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- See the Bible as a rule book.

- Observe the letter of the law but miss the spirit of the law.

- Elevate human rules to the level of God's law.

- Live a life of comparison.

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Luke 18:10-12, Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.



11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers,



or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

Adoption becomes legal through the Son.

Galatians 4:4,5, But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,



5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Adoption gets experienced through the Spirit.

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Through the Spirit...

1. We share a closeness with the Father.



Galatians 4:6, ...Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Through the Spirit...

- 1. We share a closeness with the Father.
- 2. We share the inheritance of the Father.



Galatians 4:7, So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Romans 8:32, He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?



John 17:23, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one,

so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

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