

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians

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The Galatian churches have been bewitched by _____ brethren teaching the worst form of legalism: the claim that works of the OT law can justify man before a holy God making him a complete Christian. One of the great tragedies of this lie is that the opposite is true—its followers are led to believe they are moving closer to maturity, when in reality, they are stepping backward into childhood. Not only that, but, the joy a believer receives when serving the Lord by _____ is robbed by promoting the power of self-will and human effort. To counter this mess, the apostle turns his doctrinal argument to a household theme highlighting the fact that through Christ's redemptive work, we are now adopted as sons into the _____ of God as an heir.

REDEEMED AS AN ADOPTED SON AND HEIR OF GOD – GALATIANS 4:1-7

1. Who we were – Galatians 4:1-3

a. No _____ than the lowest person on earth – verse 1; Ro. 3:10-12, 23

- *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Romans 3:10-12*

- *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God...Romans 3:23*

b. Under the law (tutors and governors) – verse 2

c. In _____ under the elements of the world – verse 3

2. What God wrought – Galatians 4:4-5

a. God's Son was _____ a man made under the law – verse 4; Gen. 3:15; 1 Ti. 3:16; Heb. 4:15

b. Redemption from the law – verse 5a

- Redeem – To set _____ by the paying of a price

- c. The _____ of sons – verse 5b; 1 John 3:1-3
- We were servants to the law
 - We were under the bondage of the law
 - We were redeemed by the only perfect man that ever lived (the God-man Jesus Christ)
 - We were then adopted as sons
 - The law did not set us free, nor did the law adopt us into God's family

3. Who we are now – Galatians 4:6-7

- a. _____ that received the Spirit of God's Son – verse 6

- b. An _____ of God through Christ – verse 7

- As an heir we have:

Permanent access to our loving Father

A good Father who will never leave us nor forsake us

The ability to follow our Father out of _____

The riches of our Father

A wonderful future provided by our Father

4. The doctrinal conclusion

- Under the law we were no different than a servant, but being redeemed by Christ we were adopted as God's sons, and as His sons we received His Son's Spirit becoming God's very heirs.