

**The Promise of Messiah:  
Making Slaves and Rebels, Sons and Heirs  
Galatians 4:4-7  
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Parents raise kids so that they can navigate life.

God wants his children to grow up too.

Though he is Lord, he is no better than a slave.

They were in bondage to the elementary principles of the world.

What does that mean?

The ABC's of relating to God.

Legalistic Judaism and Pagan Idolatry rest on this same foundation.

But then the Fullness of Time Came, God

Stop focussing on what you do, and focus on what God has done!!

So, in this fullness of Time and with a desire to see his children grow up, what did God do?

God sent his son

Born of a woman

Born under the law

Why did God do that?

To redeem those under the law

So that we might receive adoption as sons.

Sons of God - Heirs of God

Spirit of God sent to us. We cry, Abba, Father!

Notice where we are looking. At God. At what he has done.

We are no longer slaves, but heirs of God.  
The Spirit's presence confirms it.

Inheritance. You don't earn it, you don't work for it. It is freely given.

Do we live as slaves, or sons?