



“Heirs of God”

Because We are Sons

Galatians 4:1-7

Sons enjoy:

I. Access – “until the time appointed by the father”(vs. 1- 3)

Leaving behind:

A. Immaturity – “as long as he is a child”

B. Incarceration – “children were in bondage”

C. Ignorance – “under the elements of the world”

II. Adoption -“the adoption of sons ” (vs. 4-5)

Leaving heaven with a:

A. Plan – “when the fulness of the time was come”

B. Payment - “To redeem them that were under the law”

C. Purpose – “that we might receive the adoption of sons”

III. Affection - “into your hearts, crying” (vs. 6-7)

Leaving us with a:

A. Family – “because ye are sons”

B. Father - “Abba, Father”

C. Future - “if a son, then an heir of God”

Sentence Sermon:

*“We enter God’s family by regeneration,
but enjoy God’s family by adoption .”*

Additional Verses

- *Romans 8:15, 17, 26*
- *Mark 14:36*
- *I Peter 2:2-3*
- *II Corinthians 12:14*
- *Ephesians 1:5, 7; 2:7*
- *Galatians 3:23-25*
- *John 1:12-13; 16:28*
- *Isaiah 7:14*
- *Matthew 1:18-25*
- *Luke 15:18-19*
- *Philippians 4:19*
- *Colossians 1:19; 2:3*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. Who is the child being described in verse 1?
4. Who are the tutors and governors of verse 2?
5. What does verse 2 tell us about the discretion of the father?
6. How would you explain what the bondage is in verse 3?
7. What are some of the facets of “the fulness of time?”
8. What is the importance of Jesus being “made of a woman?”
9. Why was it important for Jesus to be “made under the law?”
10. Why didn’t God just redeem us and not adopt us?
11. How would you use this passage to explain the trinity?
12. When were the Galatians servants of God and not sons?
13. After studying this passage, what kind of relationship does God want to have with believers?