

**"GALATIANS: GUARDING THE GOSPEL OF GOD'S GRACE"**  
**You are an Adult Son/ Heir in Christ**  
**(Galatians 4:1-7)**

- I. **PERSONAL: PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (1:11-2:21)**
- II. **DOCTRINAL: PAUL DEFENDS HIS GOD-GIVEN MESSAGE- THE GOSPEL OF GRACE (Galatians 3 & 4)**

Big idea: You are an adult son of God in Christ and heir of God and therefore have been redeemed from the law

**A. The Illustration of an Heir who is a Child. (4:1-2)**

\* Paul compares the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of a child/ \_\_\_\_\_ to an adult son

\* A child and/or servant illustrate a person under law \_\_\_\_\_ to salvation

\* An adult son illustrates a person who has life in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ salvation

\* We can note three things about an heir as long as he remains a child:

Positionally:

Functionally:

Temporarily:

**B. The Spiritual Application of the Illustration. (4:3-5)**

1. The **Past** spiritual condition of unbelievers: bondage

\* We were \_\_\_\_\_ -

\* We were in \_\_\_\_\_ -

\* We were \_\_\_\_\_ -

2. The **Present** spiritual position of believers: Adult sons

a. God's \_\_\_\_\_

\* What were some things God had providentially arranged?

\* Why is this significant?

b. God's \_\_\_\_\_

\* In what manner did God send His Son?

c. God's \_\_\_\_\_

1) To \_\_\_\_\_ them that were under the law

\* What does "redeem" mean?

2) To \_\_\_\_\_ as sons

\* What does "adoption" mean?

**C. The Conclusion of the Spiritual Application. (4:6-7)**

\* Because you are a son of God, God has sent forth the \_\_\_\_\_  
into your heart

\* Was He invited in?

\* What does the Spirit cry out?

\* What is Paul's final conclusion?

\* What does this mean to you?