



From Slaves of Sin to Children of God

Galatians 3:23—4:7

- 1) Before receiving Christ we were prisoners of Law (3:23-25; 4:1-3)
 - a) God's Law is meant to guide us to salvation in Christ
 - b) Satan's corruption of God's law further binds us under it
 - c) The Law reveals our need to be justified by faith
 - d) Now that "the faith" (Christ) has come, we can be freed from Law
- 2) By receiving Christ through faith, we become children of God (3:26-29)
 - a) We are baptized with the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Cor. 12:12-13)
 - b) We shed our old clothes of failure & put on the clothing of faith
 - i) In Christ, our racial, social, & sexual differences no longer matter (3:28)
 - ii) In Christ, even Gentiles are *Abraham's seed* (3:29)
- 3) In God's sovereign plan for man, He sent His Son to make us sons (4:4-7)
 - a) Born human and under Law
 - b) Christ lived for us and died for us
 - i) To redeem us from Law; to purchase our freedom
 - ii) To adopt us as sons, making us children of God
 - (1) Giving us the right to call God *Abba*—Daddy
 - (2) Freeing us as slaves; making us heirs with Christ, God's Son