

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 4:1-11

“PAUL’S ARGUMENT BASED UPON ADOPTION”

Key Verses: Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fulness of the time was come, **God** sent forth **His Son**, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

I. Man’s _____ Under the Law—He is a _____ (v. 1-3)

A. Paul’s _____ (v. 1-2)

B. Paul’s _____ (v. 3)

Where God intended the Law to be a means to an end, the devil used the Law simply as an end. God desired the Law to be a blessing by being a steppingstone, revealing to man his need for a Savior, while the devil used it as simply a means of condemnation with no escape.

II. God’s _____ Through Christ—He _____ (v. 4-7)

A. God sent His _____ (v. 4-5)

At this perfect time “*God sent forth His Son*” on a divine mission to “*seek and to save them which were lost.*” Christ came on a mission of _____—seeking to free mankind from the bondage of sin and death.

1. To _____

This redemption came through the death of Christ.

Galatians 1:4 **Who** [*the Lord Jesus Christ*] gave **Himself** for our sins, that **He** might deliver us from this present evil world [*age*], according to the will of **God** and our **Father**:

Galatians 3:13 **Christ** hath redeemed us from the curse [*death*] of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

2. To _____

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the **Spirit** of adoption, whereby we cry, “**Abba, Father.**”

Ephesians 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by **Jesus Christ** to **Himself**, according to the good pleasure of **His** will,

B. God sent His _____ (v. 6-7)

Romans 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

† *The son has the same nature as the father, but the servant does not.*

† *The son has a father, while the servant has a master.*

† *The son obeys out of love, while the servant obeys out of fear.*

† *The son is rich, while the servant is poor.*

† *The son has a future, while the servant does not.*

III. Paul’s _____ as a Result—Don’t go back! (v. 8-11)

What is my next step?

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25
Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

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1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF**)

2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?

3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?

 - d. What example to follow?

4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew**)

5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (**Put ON**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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