

GALATIANS 09 (4:1-7)

“Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

– Gal 4:7

1. The child heir – Gal 4:1-2

Child – a descendant; young person; weak in knowledge, judgment, experience

Heir - One who is entitled to possess (inheritance)

Adoption – literally means to receive into; a reception

Adult – one who is grown up, mature (in the context: *sons*)

Tutor – someone who instructs and disciplines the child in right/wrong and other elementary principles

Governor – an authority who rules and directs your activities and choices

1. The dispensational child – Gal 4:3-4

“Even so we, when we were children” – speaking to Gentiles, heirs, people

Spirit of bondage = the Law

“Tutors & Governors” - the Law system and its provisions

“until the time appointed of the father” – God sent his Son – Matt, Mark, Luke, John

“made under the law” – Rom 15:8, Luke 2:20-24, Matt 5:17-19

To redeem them that were under the law → Rev 5:9 - Isaiah 42:1,10-14, Luke 1:59-68

A ransom for many – Matt 20:28 → Heb 9:14-15

Israel’s sonship yet future – John 8:31-32, Psalm 130

BUT NOW - Rom 3:19-22 – BUT NOW the righteousness of God without the law

We are justified freely! – Rom 3:24, Eph1:14

1. The adoption of sons – Gal 4:5-7

The adoption is a reception into sonship

Israel’s adoption - Romans 9:4, 11:25; Isaiah 61:1-2 (Luke 4:18), Lev 25:8-10

Romans 8:14-17 - We have not received the Spirit of bondage

Spirit of adoption = LIBERTY

Gal 2:4 – spy out our liberty, bring us into bondage

“Redeem them that were under the law” - FREEDOM

If you are in bondage you are not able to enjoy certain liberties

“because ye are sons”

We are given the privileges and benefits of a mature position in liberty

Ephesians 4:1 – the vocation wherewith ye are called

Ephesians 5:15-18 – be not unwise

“Abba, Father”

We cry out because of a closer fellowship which had hitherto been restricted

Rom 8:15 – the liberty we have in Christ towards God makes us cry out

“thou art no more a servant, but a son”

Romans 6:7; 14 – we are freed from sin; not under the law