



LESSON#7 CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH FAITH

Christ makes us God's much-loved children.

Study at a Glance: The 5 W's

KEY AREA	DETAILS AND SUMMARY
WHO (Author & Audience)	The Apostle Paul writing to the believers in Galatia. These believers are being misled by false teachers (Judaizers) who are insisting they must keep the Old Testament Law to be truly saved.
WHAT (Core Message)	We are justified (made right with God) completely by faith, not by works of the law. God's promise to Abraham was based on faith, and the law was only meant to be a temporary guardian until Christ arrived.
WHEN (Timing)	Written around AD 48-49. Paul references God's covenant with Abraham, pointing out that this promise of faith was established 430 years before the law was ever given to Moses.
WHERE (Location)	Sent to the churches in the region of Galatia.
WHY (Rationale)	To correct the false teaching that Christians must obey the Mosaic Law to earn God's approval, and to remind believers of the absolute freedom and righteousness found only in Christ's finished work.

Introduction

As we continue to move through the book of Galatians it centers on the contrast between Spiritual Slavery to the law and freedom in Christ. The Apostle Paul highlights the arrival of Jesus as the ultimate turning point that adopts believers as mature heirs before using an allegory of Abraham's two sons to illustrate the incompatibility of law and grace.

Key Terms Defined

TERM	ORIGINAL WORD in Greek	PRONUNCIATION	DEFINITION (Contextual)	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE
Baptized	Baptizu			Galatians 3:27
Adoption	Hee-oth-ed-ee-ah			Galatians 4:5
Desire	Epithymia			Galatians 4:9
Beggarly	Ptochos			Galatians 4:9
Bondmaid	Paldiske			Galatians 4:22
Allegory	Agorevo			Galatians 4:24
Persecuted	Diokomenos			Galatians 4:29

SECTION 1: MADE GOD'S CHILDREN THROUGH FAITH

(Read Galatians 3:26-4-7)

The Apostle Paul explains that placing your faith in Christ changes your spiritual Identity from a Slave to the law into a free heir of God. Through Faith you become a legitimate adopted child of God gaining all the rights of inheritance and intimacy of family

Discussion Questions

1. Text focus: If your standing with God depends entirely on faith rather than performance, how does that change the way you handle personal failure and guilt?
2. Application: If you are no longer a Slave but a heir ,how should that change your daily life, your prayer habits and your self worth?

SECTION 2: DO NOT ABANDON FAITH

(Read Galatians 4:8-20)

Imagine a Prisoner who is granted full legal Pardon walks out of a maximum security prison and then immediately begs the guards to lock them back up in a cell. This sounds completely irrational, yet this is exactly what we do when we abandon a life of Faith for a life of legalism. A heartbroken Apostle Paul sees a group of believers doing just that, willingly walking back into spiritual chains and he delivers a desperate loving plea to help them remember the absolute freedom they have in Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. Text Focus: Paul reminds the Galatians that before knowing God they were enslaved to things that by Nature are not "God's" What are some modern God's or Idols that people unknowingly serve today?
2. Application: What does Paul mean when he says he is in the pain of Childbirth until Christ is formed in you? What does a community where Christ is formed in its members look like?

SECTION 3: CHILDREN OF LAW AND FAITH CONTRASTED

(Read Galatians 4:21-31)

Paul contrast the Children of the law represented by Hagar with the children of the Faith represented by Sarah. This urges believers to cast out the slave woman mentality of self effort, declaring that we are not slaves, but children of the free woman justified by Grace through Faith in Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. Text Focus: What does true spiritual freedom look like in your daily life and how does it protect you from spiritual slavery?
2. Application: How can encourage someone in your community who is struggling to believe they are fully accepted by God through faith alone?

Conclusion

By contrasting the Slavery of the law with the freedom of God's promise, Paul uses the Old Testament story of Hagar and Sarah to declare that believers are not Enslaved under rules, but are free children and heirs of God through Christ.