

July 14, 2024 A Picture of Redemption – From Slavery to Sonship Galatians 4:1-7

- 1. What part of the text/message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged? Intrigued? Challenged?
- 2. Paul describes a child-heir of a very rich family (who is still taken care of by guardians). How does this illustrate the condition of a person who is under the law/doesn't have a relationship with God?
- 3. In verse 6, Paul says God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts. How does that impact our identity and relationship with God? Compare verse 6 with Romans 8:14-16. How does the Spirit enable us to know and relate to God as "Abba! Father!"?
- 4. Notice the phrase in verse 9, "But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God..." How does God knowing you reassure you? Compare this with I John 4:16-18.
- 5. Which of the characteristics of a slave mentality (a person still living as if they are "under the law") are strongest in you or when are you most in danger of living as a slave instead of a son? How can you overcome that mentality?
- 6. How can we daily rejoice in the change God made in our station of life (from slaves to freedom and adoption)? What can you do to remind yourself this week that you are a child of God, dearly loved by your Father (Eph. 5:1-2)?