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Children of Promise

Galatians 3: 19 – 4: 7

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Main Idea: In Christ we move from slavery to family

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19 Why then the law? It was added because of
transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the
promise had been made, and it was put in place through
angels by an intermediary. 20 Now an intermediary implies
more than one, but God is one. 21 Is the law then contrary
to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had
been given that could give life, then righteousness would
indeed be by the law.

- Galatians 3: 19-21 (ESV)

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"But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe."

- Galatians 3: 22 (ESV)

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23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the
law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be
revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ
came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

- Galatians 3: 23-24 (ESV)

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25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

- Galatians 3: 25-26 (ESV)

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27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put
on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither
slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all
one in Christ Jesus.

- Galatians 3: 27-28 (ESV)

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"And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

- Galatians 3: 29 (ESV)

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2. Through faith, we receive what the Law couldn't give
3. **God redeems us to be His own**

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[1] I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, [2] but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. [3] In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.

- Galatians 4: 1-3 (ESV)

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4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his
Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those
who were under the law, so that we might
receive adoption as sons.

- Galatians 4: 4-5 (ESV)

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6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his
Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no
longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through
God.

- Galatians 4: 6-7 (ESV)


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