

## The Slavery of Sin

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Galatians 4:8-11

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a. How is the Mosaic Law “weak and worthless?” Hebrews 10:1-4

b. Why were they returning to weak and worthless things?

7. Why was Paul afraid for the Galatians?

As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.

I Peter 4:10

Galatians 4:8-11

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Galatians 4:8

Before becoming children of God, knowing Him, the people of Galatia were slaves to “other gods.”

What does it mean to be a slave?

Galatians 4:9

Not only do you know God, but more importantly He is in relationship with you. It is not a one sided situation, He desires you and accepts you as His child. This is to be known by God, to be acknowledged, approved, accepted, specifically as His child! This is an example of God being a personal God.

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If you have this understanding, relationship, how could you turn back to weak, worthless, and elemental things? To do this, is to desire to be enslaved again!

4:10

Days, months, season, and years are not being observed...presumably this would be from the Mosaic Law....because know where else in the letter do we have the idea that they are turning back to idols and pagan worship specifically.

However, Paul equates their turning to the Mosaic Law as turning back to pagan idol worship! How can this be? These laws are from God.

What separates the Christianity from other forms of religion?

1. The identity of Jesus.
2. Salvation is by grace through faith (NO WORKS)
3. Scripture as the only Book

For the Galatians to move away from the Gospel of Jesus to the gospel of the Judaizers was to be as far away from salvation as when they were pagans.

4:11

Because of this, Paul was in fear that his work among them was a waste of time.

Do we earn the love of God?

What is a slave?

1. A person who is forced to work for and obey another and is considered to be their property
2. A person who works very hard without proper enumeration and appreciation
3. A person who is excessively dependent upon or controlled by something

\*\* Not self governing

To be obedient to the commands of Scripture in a way that

1. Elevates you
2. Is full of burden rather than joy

Is to enslave yourself to the commands instead of to God. It is to miss the point of Jesus.

3. Obey to please not to get rewarded????

## Galatians 4:8-11

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### Galatians 4:1

- While the heir is a child, he is no different than a servant, even though his position is that of master of the servants.
  - Positionally: master
  - Experientially: servant (The law playing a role in this)

### Galatians 4:2

- The child is under the control of the the servants, guardians and stewards, until the father appoints a time for the child's experience to match that of his position.

### Galatians 4:3

- ?????? We were just like that as well, being under the bondage of the basic principles of religion.

### Galatians 4:4

- God the Father, ordains that it is time for all those who are children and are infants in their understanding, should be appointed as moving from children under a servants to mature children who have been adopted into the family

### Galatians 4:5

- This adoption, bringing the children to maturity, costs the Father as He gave Jesus for a sacrifice. This redemption is how we are able to be adopted as children of God!

### Galatians 4:6

- Because we are sons, the Spirit of God is in us crying out to God as Abba, Father.

### Galatians 4:7

- The Holy Spirit gives testimony to the fact that we are no longer slaves, but instead are sons of God, becoming heirs of God!

### Galatians 4:8

You were once slaves to worldly things, religious, political, philosophical, etc.

Now that you have the full experience of being children of God, do not turn back to another form of slavery. These things are weak and worthless, since you have become adopted and matured.

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Now I say as long as the heir (this is the heir of the promise from 3:29) is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is the owner of everything. But, he is under guardians and managers (the Law) until the date set by the father (this seems answered in verse 4 "fullness of time). So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive adoption as sons.

Jesus' work moves us from slaves to sons! A fuller, richer, experience of following Jesus... participating in the New Covenant, being released from the Mosaic Covenant

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying Abba! Father! Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if a son, then an heir through God.