

# Lessons from Galatians:

## No Longer a Slave

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[Galatians 3:29, 4:3-4:9, 15](#)

3:29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. 4:3 So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. 4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, 5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. 6 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir. 8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you know God — or rather are known by God — how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? 10-14... 15 What has happened to all your joy?

### 1. OUTSIDE OF CHRIST WE ARE A SLAVE TO SIN AND DEATH

[Galatians 4:3, 8](#)

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### 2. THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST WE ARE SET FREE AND BECOME HIS HEIR WITH FULL RIGHTS

[Galatians 4:4-7](#)

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[Romans 6:18, 22](#)

18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

[Galatians 5:1](#)

1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

### 3. IF WE ARE A CHILD OF GOD, WHERE IS OUR JOY?

[Galatians 4:4-7, 15](#)

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[Galatians 5:22-23](#)

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control...

[John 15:5](#)

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit."