

“Are You Enjoying Your God-Privilege?”

Galatians 4:1-11 September 13, 2020

Galatians Series- Living the Gospel in the Power of the Spirit

Big Idea- The gospel that Paul preached was received directly from Jesus. Anyone, including an angel from heaven, that contradicted the gospel of grace through faith in Jesus was to be eternally condemned. The Galatians, by their own personal experience, had come to faith and received the Holy Spirit through God’s grace without following the law first.

Therefore, the rest of their spiritual life should be lived by faith and the Holy Spirit and not be rooted in OT law keeping. Paul now moves on to prove this by showing the background of God’s covenant with Abraham prior to Moses. The Law came after God’s promise to Moses and was to last **until** Jesus arrived. Everyone who expresses faith have become heirs of God’s original promise.

Background Texts- “sons of God” (Gen 6:2, 4; Job 1:6; 2:1; Psalm 29:1; 82:6; Deut 32:8; 43; Romans 8:14-25; 9:26; Hos 1:10); **Acts 11:12-18**; Romans 4:13-17; Rev 2:26; 1 Corinthians 6:3; Genesis 1:27-28.

LESSON 1- The gospel of faith in Jesus brings us tremendous PRIVILEGE

- A. The privilege of being an heir moves us away from SLAVERY (Galatians 4:1-3; the natural state of mankind is bondage)
- B. The privilege of being an heir is rooted in God’s gracious ADOPTION (Galatians 4:4-7; God has no natural born kids- Ephesians 2:3)
- C. The privilege of being an heir should be evident in not REVERTING (Galatians 4:8-11; To lean on Mosaic Law is equated with paganism)

Theological Application:

1. *If God has a detailed plan in order to secure your salvation (Eph 1:4-11), would He not also have a plan that sustains you in your current situation? (Job 38-41).*
2. *The idea of “white privilege” or “minority privilege” is so short sighted. The gospel offers us the opportunity by faith to have “God privilege” by being adopted as His daughters and sons (Luke 10:19-20). What are some examples of the privileges we have as God’s heirs?*
3. *How does it feel to be “known” by God? Have you truly embraced this truth? (Romans 8:28-39).*
4. *Worship is about allegiance and loyalty. When we sin, we are showing our allegiance to self or some other idol in our life. Luke 9:23-25 is our goal.*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples