



Galatians Lesson 4 Chapter 4

In Galatians 4 Paul is continuing his explanation of the profound implications of what it means to be spiritual heirs of Abraham, heirs according to promise. In this chapter he will use metaphors rich in familial terms such as child, father, son, adoption and heir. He is laying out our full rights in Christ and explaining why we can claim God as Father. "Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God." Galatians 4: 7

Paul is further urging the believers to follow his own example and avoid the legalism of the Judaizers. He wonders why they willingly drag themselves back into slavery of the law when they have been freed in Christ! To illustrate his point, he uses Hagar and Sarah as an allegory of law and grace. When comparing these covenants he is showing his readers to stop looking to the law to bring salvation, reminding them that people of faith are children of the free woman and heirs of the promise.

READ CHAPTER 4

1. *What are the elemental things of the world that held us in bondage in verse 3? How are the elemental things described in verse 9?*

2. *How do we receive the adoption as sons referred to in verse 5? See also Romans 8:14-17*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
