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Galatians: The Gospel As It Should Be (part 8)

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• Antioch

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Galatians 1:1-3:29 – **The Gospel As It Should Be** (REVIEW)

1. Paul's Greeting (vv. 1 – 5)
2. Paul's Warning (vv. 6 – 10) → <https://wp1.NLFJI.org/357>
3. Paul's History validating His Call to Spread (vv. 11 – 24)
the Gospel among the Gentiles (<https://wp1.NLFJI.org/358>)

Timeline of Paul's **Salvation** (Acts 9) until **Acts 15 Council Decision** regarding Gentiles coming to faith in Christ and **NOT** needing to follow the Israeli Mosaic Law in order to be **saved** and to **"keep their salvation"**, etc. (<https://wp1.NLFJI.org/359>)

4. Gal. 2:1-10 → after 14 years → **The Church Council of Acts 15:**
→ Same Gospel, Shared Gospel → for Jews and Gentiles
Also, re-confirmed that Gentiles did NOT need to become Jews in order to be saved in Christ, NOR to keep their salvation by following the Law of Moses. (<https://wp1.NLFJI.org/360>)
5. **Galatians 3:1-14** - Christ Redeemed us from the **CURSE** of the Law
Saved by and Growing in **GRACE** (<https://wp1.NLFJI.org/361>)
6. **Galatians 3:15-29** - the Law Reveals Sin – The Law is a Tutor to Lead us to receive Christ by Faith/Trust. If we are in Christ, we are children of God, spiritual descendants of Abraham – The Law of Moses was **NEVER GIVEN** to Redeem lost sinners
(<https://wp1.NLFJI.org/363> or <https://NLFJI.org/GAL>)

Galatians 4:1-11

Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, ² but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. ³ Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

⁸ But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years. ¹¹ I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.



UNITED STATES SLAVE TRADE.
— 1850.

1. What kind of Slavery – to what? How does the child heir differ from the slaves owned by his father? (Gal. 4:1-3)

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Paul is using Generalities and Similarities not Granular Details of the Differences between how slaves are treated compared to how the Rich Land Owner's Son (the heir) is treated. That is NOT the point. The point is that neither can Own the Land/Property and exercise his full rights as the Land Owner. The slave will never be able to, but that heir (the child of the Rich Land Owner) will, some day.

What were we in BONDAGE to, as lost sinners, before we were saved, Born Again, in Christ → SIN. Rebellion to God. Doing it our way. But really in Bondage to the Power of the "World System" in SIN.

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A Slave becoming a Son – that is what is seen here ... the Heir ... who was just "like" a slave – comes into His Inheritance ... There is a Cost and someone usually has to die (i.e.: the dad or older brother, etc.) Being Redeemed means that someone sold into Slavery was Bought Back – and in vv. 4-7 → ADOPTED – NO LONGER A SLAVE but A SON. Jesus Christ is the Price for the Redemption AND Adoption. He paid the Price – any debts (i.e. sins, etc.) all paid for, as well.

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**A Slave becoming a Son – God Redeemed Slaves to Sin to become Sons – By Christ’s Full Redemptive Work – send the “Spirit of His Son” into our hearts → Born Again, Born of the Spirit, Baptized in/with/by the Holy Spirit (all interchangeable terms, etc.).
In which we cry “ABBA, FATHER!” – compare with Rom. 8:14-16**

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Rom. 8:14-16

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you **RECEIVED** the Spirit of **ADOPTION** by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!” **16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

******* → You can't obey all the Law of Moses – to earn this **GIFT** *******

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Ephesians 1:13-14

When you heard the message of truth, the GOSPEL of your salvation, and when you BELIEVED in Him, you were also SEALED with the promised Holy Spirit. 14 He is the down payment of our INHERITANCE, for the redemption of the possession, to the praise of His glory.

***** → this GIFT you can RECEIVE – By Trusting in Christ *****

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It is like the Pig, which got all dressed up with a nice 3 piece suit, went to the dance, was to live in the owners house, inside a new bedroom, etc. But, after the dance, went back to the Pig Pen and the wallow of the muddy slop. Or a redeemed slave, who is now an heir to a very rich land owner. That son has all that land and ownership, but then goes down to the slave trader and sell himself into slavery. Why? He must've been tricked into thinking it's the best thing to do.

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The Hebrews Roots Movement Legalists / Judaizers of the time this was written – were very slick. The Galatians were tricked into believing that they should be slaves again, but a new slavery → Becoming a Jewish-Gentile-Christian who follows the Torah, etc. In verse 10 – Paul mentions – “You observe days, months, seasons, and years.” This could be in reference to the bondage they were set free from – Paganistic Idolatry – and then slaves to Judaizer Legalism

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***** PENDULUM SWING – from Paganistic Idolatry to Judaistic Legalism**

Both Observe → days, months, seasons, and years.

From one bondage to become ensnared to another bondage.

This tends to be a Human Tendency – the Only Remedy is

Full Surrender to Christ, in the Spirit, based upon the Word, Alone