

UNLOCKING FREEDOM: A STUDY OF GALATIANS #8
THE FREEDOM OF OUR ADOPTION
GALATIANS 3:26-4:7

GETTING STARTED

If you were to make out a will describing who will inherit your things when you die, how will you decide who to leave you things to? Or, what would you like to pass on to your family?

DIGGING IN

Galatians 3:27 says that Christians have “put on Christ” or “clothed themselves” with Christ (Gal. 3:26-27). What is the metaphor or word picture that is being given in that phrase? What are the implications of that picture?

What are the three barriers that commonly divide people listed in Galatians 3:28? Why was it important for Paul to list those here?

How does the radical oneness of the people mentioned in verse 28 flow out of the radical message in verse 26?

Read Galatians 3:23-25. What role does the law play in the life of a person who is under the law? (This will help to explain Galatians 4:1-3).

In Galatians 4:1-3, Paul uses the picture of an heir of a wealthy family who is still a child. Discuss this image, trying to discern what Paul was saying through this illustration.

Read Galatians 3:4-5. Verse 5 lists two things that Jesus came to accomplish for us. List the items in order:

- 1.
- 2.

Is it possible to have one of these without the other? What happens if we only remember the first but forget about the second?

Read Galatians 4:6-7. What privileges of sonship are suggested by these verses? Do any of these seem shocking to you?

What is the connection between the Jesus’ work and the Holy Spirit (v 6)? Read Romans 8:15-16 as well.

LIVING IT OUT

In your own words, explain our adoption as described in these verses.

What are some ways that this truth (if grasped and lived) would change your life?

What is the most helpful or encouraging thing you’ve learned from these verses?

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