

When Slaves Become Sons

Galatians 4:1-7

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Heirs are people who, by virtue of their family lineage, have great things coming to them. But Paul reminds us here in chapter 4 that so long as an heir is still young, he is in many ways just as limited as a _____.

FREEDOM is defined as:

- The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without _____ or _____.
- The _____ of subjection to foreign domination or despotic government.
- The state of not being imprisoned or enslaved.

The idea of freedom presents challenges to the reality that we live in:

1. No one is _____ free

*Not even GOD is *perfectly* free:

- God is bound by His own _____ to do what is right and true and loving.
- God is bound by His own _____. He must do what He has covenanted to do.

2. There is a _____ in us that makes us desire to be, if not perfectly free, then as free as we can possibly be.

3. To be perfectly free is to be necessarily _____.

In the culture the Galatians were familiar with, the act of passing from childhood to adulthood was a significant landmark.

Jewish tradition:

Gentile tradition:

To see who Paul is describing as an heir in Galatians 4:1, it will help to look at Ephesians 1:3-6.

How is the doctrine of election a challenge to our natural perception of personal freedom?

How do I know if I am a son of God, how can I be clear that the Holy Spirit has been given to me?

1. The Holy Spirit helps us _____ the things of God.
1 Corinthians 2:12-13
2. The Holy Spirit _____ you and intercedes for you.
Romans 8:26-27
3. The Holy Spirit _____ you.
Romans 8:14
4. The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual _____.
1 Corinthians 12:11
5. The Holy Spirit _____ you of sin
Ephesians 4:30
6. The Holy Spirit cries out to God within you.
Galatians 4:6