

WRITE IT DOWN!

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Getting Grace: Studies in Galatians

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LISTEN UP!

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I. Will We Receive the Gospel of Sonship? (4:1-7)

1. God sent His Son into _____ to _____ for us (4:4-5)

A. The Person of Christ . . .

- A _____ Savior: *His Son*
- A _____ Savior: *born of a woman*
- A _____ Savior: *born under the law*

B. The Work of Christ

- _____ : to rescue us from slavery
- _____ : to make slaves into sons

2. God sent His Spirit into _____ to _____ in us (4:6-7)

A. The Spirit applies the work of redemption.

B. The Spirit affirms the work of redemption to our hearts.

OR

II. Will We Return to Religion of Self-Salvation? (4:8-11)

7 realities about religion . . .

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

THINK IT OVER

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1. Read Galatians 4:1-11 again. What are the two categories of “sons” mentioned in 1-8?
2. In 4:1-7, what two things has God “sent forth”? Where is each sent? For what purpose is each sent?
3. What are 3 things we learn about the person of Christ in 4:4?
4. What two dimensions of Christ’s work does Paul highlight in 4:5?
5. The work of salvation is the work of the triune Godhead, yet each person of the Godhead seems to have a distinct role. What role do you see each person of the Godhead playing in our salvation?
6. Which of the 7 realities of religion most grabbed you?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in the text/message this week and why?
2. Do you sense that you’re a child of God? Do you sense that Spirit assurance of your adoption? If not, what do you do with that?
3. Why do think we are apt to fall back into religion? What is so appealing about it to our human hearts?
4. Who in your world do you see is a slave to religion? Who in your world has run from religion and has ended up in relativism? Do you see any common traits between these two categories of people?
5. Share a situation in your life where you have or are now struggling to live in the Gospel of Sonship? Why is that hard? Which promises of God are you doubting or questioning? If you’re not living like a son, are you living like a slave? Or are you living like an orphan?