



Freedom of God

Galatians 4:1-7

Series: The Thrill of Freedom

Galatians 4:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ 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.

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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,

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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!"

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

1. The Children's Problem

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For an unbeliever there is potential salvation and fulfillment of the promise given to all the world through Abraham (Gen. 12:3). But unless and until he spiritually "comes of age" through saving trust in Jesus Christ, every unbeliever is a kind of slave and in bondage.

John MacArthur

2. The Father's Love

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God's timing is perfect:

Religiously-A vacuum in the world's need

Culturally-Central language of Greek

Politically-Roman government

2. The Father's Love

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God waited till the right time out of love...

The greatest number would be reached.

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Redeem is from exagorazō, which literally means to buy out or buy back and was used of slaves whose freedom was purchased.

His love gives us freedom

3. The Rewards of Adoption

...that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Huiiothesia (**adoption**) is a compound of huios (son) and thesis (a placing) and refers to a man's giving the status of sonship to someone who is not his natural child.

3. The Rewards of Adoption

God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Abba is a diminutive of the Aramaic word for father. It was a term of endearment used by young children of their fathers and could be translated "daddy" or "papa."

The Holy **Spirit** brings us into a personal, intimate relationship with our heavenly **Father**, whom we may approach at any time and under any circumstance, because we are truly His own.

God's Freedom

His redemption is free for all
His love is found in Jesus

Can you call Him Abba?