



PART 12 • WE ARE ALL SONS OF GOD • GALATIANS 4:1-7

The beginning of Chapter 4 marks the mid-way point of Paul's letter to the Galatians. In these 7 verses Paul reaches his theological climax proclaiming that we are all Sons—adopted into Sonship!

MESSAGE RESPONSE

- 1) What stood out for you from Sunday's message?
- 2) Was there anything you did not understand? What questions were raised for you?
- 3) How did the Holy Spirit speak to you?

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- 1) As Christians we know that God created us in *His* image—male and female. There was great purpose and intentionality in His design. As you look back on your life and to this day, what makes you feel most like a woman or like a man? How is it different as a single person or married?
- 2) Paul's authority as an apostle was challenged in the early days of the church and, as we've seen, is to this day. Ultimately, it is God's Word that Paul wrote, inspired by the Holy Spirit that is under attack. Considering our last two messages, how has your view of Scripture's use of masculine words changed? How and when is it appropriate to change the Word of God to reflect gender neutrality?
- 3) Read Ephesians 5:22-33. With Paul's teaching on adoption and Sonship in mind, what do we learn about the mystery Paul refers to in Ephesians 5? How does this point us to our future Husband?
- 4) What do we learn about our "Sonship" from verses 3:26-27 and from the illustration of 4:1-3?
- 5) From Galatians 4:4-5, what two basic things did God send his Son to accomplish? How are the two things alike? What happens if we only remember the first but forget the second?
- 6) From 4:6-7, what are the privileges of Sonship which are suggested by these two verses?
- 7) Also from 4:6-7, what has the Spirit been sent to do? How is it different from what the Son was sent to do? (Read the parallel passage Rom.8:15-16.)
- 8) What is the connection of the work of the Son and the Spirit (v.6)? How can we experience more of the Spirit's work? Share your own encounters with this work of the Spirit.

Key Scripture references from last weeks message

Galatians 4:1-7, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Galatians 3:15, 25, 28, Ephesians 5:31-33, Revelations 19:7