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CHAPTER 4



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VERSES 1-2

Now what I mean [when I talk about children and their guardians] is this: as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave even though he is the [future owner and] master of all [the estate]; ² but he is under [the authority of] guardians and household administrators *or* managers until the date set by his father [when he is of legal age].



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WHAT IS AN HEIR?

➤ **Galatians 3:27-29** ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.



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VERSE 3

³ So also we [whether Jews or Gentiles], when we were children (spiritually immature), were kept like slaves under the **elementary [man-made religious or philosophical] teachings of the world.**



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<p>4747 [e] stoicheia στοιχεῖα basic principles N-ANP</p>	<p>the elements (of knowledge)</p> <p>4747 <i>stoicheion</i>— properly, <i>fundamentals</i>, like with the <i>basic components</i> of a philosophy, structure, etc.; (figuratively) "<i>first principles</i>," like the basic fundamentals of Christianity.</p> <p>4747 (<i>stoicheion</i>) refers to "the <i>rudiments</i> with which</p>
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mankind . . . were indoctrinated (before the time of Christ), i.e. the elements of religious training or the ceremonial precepts common alike to the worship of Jews and of Gentiles" (J. Thayer).



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VERSE 4-5

⁴ But when [in God's plan] the proper time had fully come, **God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the [regulations of the] Law, ⁵ so that He might **redeem and liberate** those who were under the Law, that we [who believe] might be **adopted** as sons [as God's children with all rights as fully grown members of a family].**



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PHILIPPIANS 2:6-7

... although **He existed in the form and unchanging essence of God** [as One with Him, possessing the fullness of all the divine attributes—the entire nature of deity], did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped or asserted [as if He did not already possess it, or was afraid of losing it]; **but emptied Himself** [without renouncing or diminishing His deity, but only temporarily giving up the outward expression of divine equality and His rightful dignity] by **assuming the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men** [He became completely human but was without sin, being fully God and fully man].



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to redeem

i. e. by payment of a price to recover from the power of another, **to ransom, buy off:** properly, metaphorically, of **Christ freeing men from the dominion of the Mosaic law at the price of his vicarious death** (see ἀγοράζω, 2 b.), τινα, **Galatians 4:5**; with addition, **Galatians 3:13**.



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b. the nature and condition of the true disciples of Christ, who by receiving the Spirit of God into their souls become the sons of God (see υἱός τοῦ Θεοῦ, 4): **Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 1:5**; it also includes the blessed state looked for in the future life after the visible return of Christ from heaven; hence, to wait for adoption, i. e. the consummate condition of the sons of God, which will render it evident that they are the sons of God,



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VERSE 6

6 And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba! Father!"



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VERSE 7

7 Therefore you are no longer a slave (bond-servant), but a son; and if a son, then also an heir through [the gracious act of] God [through Christ].



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VERSE 8

8 But at that time, when you did not know [the true] God and were unacquainted with Him, you [Gentiles] were slaves to those [pagan] things which by [their very] nature were not and could not be gods at all.



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Romans 6:20 (AMP)
20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness [you had no desire to conform to God's will].



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John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true [supreme and sovereign] God, and [in the same manner know] Jesus [as the] Christ whom You have sent.



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WHAT IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

God is a holy God. He is a holy judge. He is going to judge the world & We need to have a holy fear of God. We need to know that He is righteous. Yes, He is also love. A true understanding His righteousness & who He is – helps us to not live in sin. We are going to talk about sins of the flesh in Galatians 5. The love of God is important because it helps us to not live a legalistic life. But it is critical to understand both things. – It's not one or the other. God is love. God loves us but God is still holy.



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Romans 5:8 Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁸ But God clearly shows *and* proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



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VERSE 9

⁹ Now, however, since you have **come to know** [the true] God [through personal experience], or rather **to be known by God**, how is it that **you are turning back again to the weak and worthless elemental principles [of religions and philosophies]**, to which you want to be enslaved all over again?



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²⁰ **If** you **have died with Christ** to the elementary principles of the world, **why**, as if you were still living in the world, **do you submit to rules and regulations**,...



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VERSE 10

10 [For example,] you observe [particular] days and months and seasons and years.



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**INSTEAD OF
RELYING ON CHRIST
INSTEAD OF BEING LED
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**



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VERSE 11

11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored [to the point of exhaustion] over you in vain.



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VERSE 12

12 Believers, I beg of you, become as I am [free from the bondage of Jewish ritualism and ordinances], for I *have become* as you are [a Gentile]. You did me no wrong [when I first came to you; do not do it now].



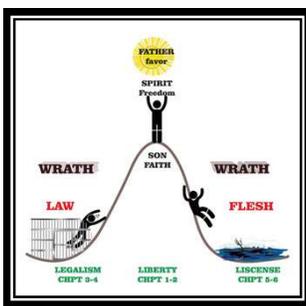
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VERSE 13-14

13 On the contrary, you know that it was because of a physical illness that I [remained and] preached the gospel to you the first time; **14** and even though my physical condition was a trial to you, you did not regard it with contempt, or scorn *and* reject me; but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus *Himself*.



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VERSE 15

15 What then has become of that sense of blessing *and* the joy that you once had [from your salvation and your relationship with Christ]? For I testify of you that, if possible, you would have torn out your own eyes and given them to me [to replace mine].



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REVELATION 2:2-3

²I know your deeds and your toil, and your patient endurance, and that you cannot tolerate those who are evil, and have tested *and* critically appraised those who call themselves apostles (special messengers, personally chosen representatives, of Christ), and [in fact] are not, and have found them to be liars *and* impostors; ³and [I know that] you [who believe] are enduring patiently and are bearing up for My name's sake, and that you have not grown weary [of being faithful to the truth].



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REVELATION 2:4-5

⁴But I have *this* [charge] against you, that you have left your first love [you have lost the depth of love that you first had for Me]. ⁵So remember *the heights* from which you have fallen, and repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, your sinful behavior—seek God's will] and do the works you did at first [when you first knew Me]; otherwise, I will visit you and remove your lampstand (the church, its impact) from its place—unless you repent.



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VERSE 16

16 So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?



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VERSE 17-18

17 These men [the Judaizers] eagerly seek you [to entrap you with honeyed words and attention, to win you over to their philosophy], not honorably [for their purpose is not honorable or worthy of consideration]. They want to isolate you [from us who oppose them] so that you will seek them. 18 Now it is always pleasant to be eagerly sought after [provided that it is] for a good purpose, and not just when I am with you [seeking you myself—but beware of the others doing it].



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VERSE 19

19 My little children, for whom I am again in [the pains of] labor until Christ is [completely and permanently] formed within you—



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morphothē
μορφωθῆ
shall have been formed
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properly, taking on the form that properly embodies a particular inner-essence.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon literally, until a mind and life in complete harmony with the mind and life of Christ shall have been formed in you, Galatians 4:19.



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Or as it says in Ephesians 4:13
¹³ **until we all reach oneness in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, [growing spiritually] to become a mature believer, reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ [manifesting His spiritual completeness and exercising our spiritual gifts in unity].**



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VERSE 20

²⁰ how I wish that I were with you now and could change my tone, because I am perplexed in regard to you.



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VERSE 21-22

21 Tell me, you who are bent on being under the Law, do you not listen to [what] the Law [really says]? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman [Hagar] and one by the free woman [Sarah].



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VERSE 23

23 But the child of the slave woman was born according to the flesh *and* had an ordinary birth, while the son of the free woman was born in fulfillment of the promise.



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VERSE 24

24 Now these facts are about to be used [by me] as an **allegory [that is, I will illustrate by using them]: for these **women** can represent two covenants: one [covenant originated] from Mount Sinai [where the Law was given] that bears children [destined] for slavery; she is Hagar.**



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VERSE 25-26

25 Now Hagar is (represents) Mount Sinai in Arabia and she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above [that is, the way of faith, represented by Sarah] is free; she is our mother.



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VERSE 27

27 For it is written [in the Scriptures], "REJOICE, O BARREN WOMAN WHO HAS NOT GIVEN BIRTH; BREAK FORTH INTO A [joyful] SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR; FOR THE DESOLATE WOMAN HAS MANY MORE CHILDREN THAN SHE WHO HAS A HUSBAND."



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VERSE 28

28 And we, [believing] brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children [not merely of physical descent, like Ishmael, but are children born] of promise [born miraculously].



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VERSE 29

29 But as at that time the child [of ordinary birth] born according to the flesh persecuted the son *who was born* according to [the promise and working of] the Spirit, so it is now also.



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VERSE 30

30 But what does the Scripture say? "CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN [Hagar] AND HER SON [Ishmael], FOR NEVER SHALL THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN BE HEIR *and* SHARE THE INHERITANCE WITH THE SON OF THE FREE WOMAN."



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GENESIS 21:9-13

⁹ Now [as time went on] Sarah saw [Ishmael] the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking [Isaac]. ¹⁰ Therefore she said to Abraham, "Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The situation distressed Abraham greatly because of his son [Ishmael]. ¹² God said to Abraham, "Do not let it distress you because of Ishmael and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her *and* do what she asks, for your descendants will be named through Isaac. ¹³ And I will also make a nation of [Ishmael] the son of the maid, because he is your descendant."



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VERSE 31

31 So then, believers, we [who are born again—reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose] are not children of a slave woman [the natural], but of the **free woman [the supernatural].**



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FREE

properly, *free (liberated)*, unbound (unshackled); (figuratively) free to realize one's destiny in Christ.



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**Are you
[in]
Christ?**



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