



# Inheriting the Promises

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For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. 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, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Galatians 3:26-4:7



# From Slavery to Son-ship



- You are all sons...
- Younger and elder sons
- Our aim has been
  - Wrong
  - Too low
- F.I.R.E.
  - Not escaping anger
  - But growing in friendship

# Adoption



- Why so important to Paul?
- Inheritance (3:18, 29, 4:1, 7)
- Via a promise! (3:15-18)
- Law was a steward (3:19-25)

# Grace



- Works or hearing (3:2, 5)
- Miracles – ouch!
- Simply through
  - Trusting
  - Asking

# We inherit the promises through...



- Son-ship
- Adoption
- Grace
  
- Strong to the finish!