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## Finding Freedom: A Study In Galatians

“Slavery & Sonship”

Galatians 3:19-4:7

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Introduction: We are working our way through Galatians where Paul explains how we can find freedom in Christ.

1. This explanation was necessary because Christianity was struggling with the relationship of law & grace.
2. Paul understood that adding conditions to grace, nullified grace.
3. Part of the problem in this debate was an inadequate understanding of the law.
4. In today’s text, Paul explains the role the law played in God’s plan.
5. It was never intended to be the final destination, more like a steppingstone to Christ.
6. This means we cannot be right with God outside of a faith relationship with Christ.

### I. A Comparison

#### A. The Law

- Added Because Of Transgression
- Could Not Impart Life
- Imprisoned Us In Sin
- Designed To Lead Us To Christ

#### B. Faith

- The Seed (Christ) Has Come
- Life Is Available In Christ (Justified)
- Sons Of God Through Faith In Christ

- Oneness
- Heirs

### II. An Illustration

#### A. Childhood

- Biologically A Son
- Functionally A Slave

#### B. Maturity

- Full Rights Of Sonship
- Recipients Of The Holy Spirit
- No Longer A Slave

Conclusion: We still face similar struggles to the Galatians.

1. Most religions proclaim a “do” gospel.
2. Many believers have a “performance based” relationship with Christ.
3. Both of these errors lead to spiritual bondage.
4. To be free, we must embrace Christ by faith alone & then live out that faith by allowing the Holy Spirit to have control.