

sermon notes

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November 13, 2024 | “The sons of God” | **Galatians 4:1–7**

1. The sons of God move from _____ to _____
(4:1–3)

2. The sons of God move from _____ to _____
(4:4–5)

3. The sons of God move from _____ to _____
(4:6–7)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Galatians 4:1–7. Who does Paul call “heirs” in this passage? Are you an heir? If so, what did you inherit? How did that inheritance come about? When do you inherit it?

Paul also speaks of the “sons of God” in this passage. Who are they? How are the sons of God different from the Son of God? Why is that distinction important?

Walk through Galatians 4:4. When was the fullness of time? How was God’s Son born of a woman? How was he born under the law? What did God the Father send his Son to do? Why would God allow his Son to be born into this world and what did it accomplish?

GET PERSONAL

Paul says, “God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts” (4:6). Do you have the Spirit of God’s Son residing in your heart? Do all people have the Spirit in their hearts or only born-again Christians? What evidence do you have of the Spirit’s presence in your heart?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

When you pray to God, do you call him “Father?” If so, why? If not, why not? How does the language of Father (“Abba”) communicate intimacy between you and God? How does it communicate respect and deference? Take a moment now and communicate your thankfulness to God the Father for sending us his Son. Communicate your love to the Father and your thankfulness to him for making you an “heir” according to the promise (3:29).

ADVANCED QUESTIONS

What are the “elementary principles of this world?” Who was enslaved to those principles? How were we enslaved to them?

Explore how Paul references the Trinity in Galatians 4:6. Why is a proper understanding of the Trinity important for the Christian faith?