

DISCUSS

What are some of the practical changes that occur for someone who is adopted?

In what ways do these changes parallel those that we experience on a spiritual level when we trust in Jesus Christ?

According to Paul, how do we enter into adoption?

How does Paul describe life outside of Christ?

What are the characteristics applied to Jesus in verses 4–5?

What is Paul trying to communicate about Christ by describing Him as both “born of a woman” and “born under the law”?

How does this truth influence the way you think about Jesus? Why should it embolden your confidence to turn to Him in times of need?

How did Kyle define the term “redeem”?

How has Christ redeemed us? In other words, how has He set us free? And what price did He pay to do so?

According to verse 6, what is the confirmation of our adoption through faith in Christ?

What are some of the common forms in which these kinds of “gods” appear in our world today?

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What does Paul say frees us from slavery to inadequate gods?

How would you describe Paul's tone in verses 12–20?

How does Paul describe the Galatians' response to the gospel message?

Have you ever witnessed someone claim the name of Christ only to drift away from the truth over time? How did it make you feel? What kind of response did it prompt in you?

According to verse 19, what can we be certain about when it comes to Paul's true concern for the Galatians?

How should Paul's pastoral example shape the way we treat those who drift from the faith? How should it inform the way we call them to repentance?

Who is Paul speaking to according to verse 21?

Who are the "two sons" Paul mentions?

Who are the "women"?

What was the lineage of each woman leading up to the time of Paul?

Which of the "women/covenants" do you think Paul's readers were expecting to correspond with "Mount Sinai" and "the present Jerusalem" (v. 25)? Or to put it another way, which do you think Paul's readers were expecting to correspond with the Judaizers?

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Which does he say *actually* corresponds with the Judaziers?

Who does he identify as the “children of the promise” (v. 28)?

Bearing in mind that Paul is writing to those “who want to be under the law” (v. 21), what tense does he use when describing the Galatians in verses 28 and 31?

What does he instruct the Galatians to do with this knowledge?

As you reflect on this session, has the Holy Spirit convicted you of any ways in which you “want to be under the law”? If so, how?

What are some of the obstacles that keep you from sole dependence on Christ? What could you do this week to more intentionally pursue freedom?

In what ways do you struggle to live in your identity as a son or daughter of God? How practically could you surrender that to Him over the next week?

LIVE IT OUT

Pray: Praise God each day this week for bringing you into His family. Ask Him to grow your understanding of your identity as His child.

Confess: Confess your sins to God this week. Consider telling a trusted Christian friend about your sin struggles as well. Pray for practical ways to repent and the strength to see it through.

Let Go: Pick one “god” in your life that you need to let go (money, a relationship, food, media, appearance, etc.). Choose one practical step of repentance and try it this week.

Reflect: Think back over all God’s taught you through this series so far. Write down the areas of your life where you aren’t walking in the freedom of the gospel. Pray that God would continue to work in your heart through the rest of the study.

Encourage: Talk to a friend or family member who knows someone who has wandered from the faith. Use what was discussed in this session to encourage that person and spend time praying for the lost friend.