

Lesson 4

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CHURCH AT THE KITCHEN TABLE GALATIANS 4:1-7

Paul writes for the final time to the Galatians about the contrasts and conditions in which believers found themselves before Christ's coming with the position they enjoy now.

Go around the table with your family and if you have received Christ, share with everybody about the changes you have now that Christ is in you. Remember, Jesus gives us an amazing life when we follow His principles and fully devote our life to Him.

Read Galatians 4:1-7. I want you to understand this Passage in context. The context would involve matters of legal and religious importance. Paul realizes that a Jewish boy would pass from boyhood to manhood at age twelve. The Greek or Roman would do the same at age eighteen. The term Paul uses is that at manhood, all the responsibilities of that person were now to the State or Law. Greek {Apatouria}

So the context looks like this as we unpack Paul's objectives:

1. Before Christ came into our life we were children or slaves to basic principles, and elemental spirits of this world.
Paul uses the word "stoicheia" so let me give you my view of this elemental spiritual phrase Paul uses.
 - The word means elements, like earth, wind, fire, water, sun, moon, stars, and planets, and are associated with gods or goddesses. In Paul's mind these were demons.

In summary of this Passage, the issue here is that cosmic and spiritual significance is the point Paul is making by showing the contrast of freedom in Christ and bondage to Satan and evil spirits. Try to dialogue with your family about things that are evil, and establish an understanding of Christ and His redeeming power over all things. Remember to focus on Jesus during this exercise.

Read Galatians 4:4 God has set man free!!!!
These are wonderful words for us to hear today. Are you free?

I want to end with emphasis on "through God" {dia Theou} Sorry for the Greek lesson today. Lol Discuss how your family can stop looking to man for all of decisions and answers, and start developing ways to seek God through faith.

What has God done for you today???

Love being your Pastor,



Pastor Billy