

MESSAGE NOTES
Freedom
CHILDREN OF FREEDOM
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Galatians 3 ¹⁴ *He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

1. God promised the blessing through **THE SEED** of Abraham.

Galatians 3 ¹⁵ *Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶ The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ. ¹⁷ What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.*

“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:2-3

“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” Romans 4:3

God’s promises are **IRREVOCABLE**.

*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”
Hebrews 10:23 ESV*

2. What, then, is the **PURPOSE** of the law?

Galatians 3 ¹⁹ *Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator. ²⁰ A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one. ²¹ Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²² But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.*

a) It reveals our **SINFULNESS**.

“... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

b) It proves we **CAN'T SAVE** our ourselves.

"For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight..." Romans 3:20

c) It directs us to **OUR NEED** of a savior.

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

3. The law acted as our **INSTRUCTOR** until Jesus arrived.

Galatians 3 ²³ *Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed.* ²⁴ *So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.*

"I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.'" Romans 7:7

4. Through faith in Jesus, we are all **CHILDREN** of freedom.

Galatians 3 ²⁵ *Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.* ²⁶ *So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,* ²⁷ *for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.* ²⁸ *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* ²⁹ *If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

God chose to **ADOPT US** into His family.

Galatians 4 ⁴ *But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,* ⁵ *to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.* ⁶ *Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."* ⁷ *So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.*

**All scriptures in NIV unless specified*

ACTION STEPS:

1. Live daily as a child of God! Show the world who you belong to!
2. Sign up for the Sharing Class.
3. Invite someone to church.