

**Galatians: Faith and Freedom**  
*Living in Freedom*  
**Galatians 4:1-20 (page 812)**

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We are to remember and understand:

- What we once were - children in bondage (Gal 4:1-3)
- What God did - redeemed us (Gal 4:4-6; Rom 8:15-16)
  - Jesus gives us the status of sonship
  - The Holy Spirit gives us the experience of sonship
- What we are now - sons and heirs (Gal 4:7)

If I understand those things, I need to beware of:

- regressing from the freedom of faith back to the slavery of works (Gal 4:8-11)
- trading the joy of relationship for the burden of religion (Gal 4:12-16; 1 Cor 9:20-22; 2 Cor 12:7-10)
- being deceived by false teachers (Gal 4:17-20)

***Taking it Home...***

Why is it so difficult for us to accept and believe the reality of “sonship” in our relationship with God and live in that new identity? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some ways that you sometimes act like a “spiritual slave”? How can you begin to live more like God’s beloved son or daughter or give some examples of how you enjoy the freedom that God has given us? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever become someone’s “enemy” for telling them the truth? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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The word “*Abba*” is the term Jesus Himself used in the Garden of Gethsemane when He prayed (Mark 14:36). How should such an intimate term affect our prayers? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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