

DEFINITIONS

Use a Greek dictionary to define the following words.

- **Elements of the world**, and **weak and beggarly elements** (4:3,9).
- **Adoption** (4:5).
- **Abba** (4:6).
- **Heir** (4:7).

KEEP THIS IN MIND

Remember this point for the next lesson: Paul compares the law to slavery (4:1), by saying that being under the law is kin to being under bondage (4:3) from which we must be redeemed (4:5). This should help you to understand the analogy Paul gives later in chapter 4 regarding Hagar and Sarah.

Galatians 3:26–4:20

Adoption as Sons and Heirs of God through Christ

- 1) By what process do we become sons of God (3:26-27)?
- 2) Does God show partiality among His children (3:28; Acts 10:34-35; James 2:1-9)? What, then, does God think about racism and nationalism?
- 3) Vs. 29 – “And if you are Christ’s, then you are _____ seed, and _____ according to the promise.”
- 4) As a child (meaning, under the law), how were they not much different from a slave (4:1-3)?
- 5) When adulthood came (meaning, the fullness of times accomplished through Christ), what things changed (4:4-7)?
- 6) What was Paul’s fear (4:8-11)?
- 7) “You have not injured me at all” – Why did Paul say this?
- 8) In what condition did Paul preach the gospel to the Galatians, and how did they receive him and treat him initially (4:13-15)?
 - a) What apparently changed (4:16)?
 - b) Who was responsible for persuading the brethren to treat Paul this way, and how were they accomplishing their agenda (4:17; Rom. 16:18; Col. 2:4; Jude 16; 2 Peter 2:18)?
- 9) Is it a bad thing to be zealous (4:18)?
- 10) Paul refers to them endearingly as _____ (4:19).
- 11) For what goal did Paul labor (4:19; Col. 1:28-29)?
- 12) Why did Paul want to be present with them (4:20)?

Sons of God through faith, having PUT ON Christ through baptism! How much clearer does God’s word have to be for those who would try to teach that baptism is not part of God’s plan for salvation?