



# Galatians: No Other Gospel!

*No longer slaves...Now we're Sons and Heirs* Galatians 4:1-7

## Introduction

## Slaves of the world

### ❖ Galatians 4:1-2

A human analogy

### ❖ Galatians 4:3

The analogy's spiritual application and meaning

## Sons of God

### ❖ Galatians 4:4

**1. The fulness of time had come** — the utter sovereignty of God

**2. Sent from the Father** — the divinity of Christ

❖ Colossians 1:15-17—*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

❖ Hebrews 1:3-4—*He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.*

❖ John 1:18—*No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

**3. Born of a woman** — the humanity of Christ

**4. Born under the law** — the priestly ministry of Christ

*"When Christ came, he found us all captives under governors and - that is to say, imprisoned by the law. Although he is Lord of the law, so that the law has no authority over him (for he is the Son of God), he makes himself subject to the law. Here the law executes upon him all the jurisdiction it has over us. It accuses and terrifies us; it makes us subject to sin, death, and the wrath of God and condemns us with its sentence. And it has a perfect right so to do, for we are all sinners (Ephesians 2:3). On the other hand, Christ "committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth" (1 Peter 2:22). Therefore, he was not subject to the law. Yet the law was no less cruel against this innocent,*



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*righteous, and blessed Lamb than it was against us cursed and damned sinners. In fact, it was more rigorous, for it accused him as a blasphemer (Matthew 26:65) and a seditious person (Luke 23:5); it made him guilty before God of the sins of the whole world; it so terrified and oppressed him with heaviness and anguish of spirit that his sweat was like drops of blood (Luke 22:44). The law condemned him to death, the death of the cross.<sup>1</sup>*

### **❖ Galatians 4:5**

- ❖ John 1:12—*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,*
- ❖ John 1:12-13—*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

### **❖ Galatians 4:6**

- ❖ Ezekiel 36:26-27—*And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*

### **❖ Galatians 4:7**

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<sup>1</sup> Martin Luther, *Crossway Classic Commentaries: Galatians*, Olivetree edition.