

Galatians, Free in Grace

(9) The Doctrine of Grace

The Law as our 'schoolmaster'...3:24-29

What was another function of the Law according to verse 24? see 4:1-2

It was a 'paidagogos, Gr.' to supervise, discipline, prepare us for faith in Christ.

And how did the Law do that? Rom.7:1-13; ITim.1:1-11

The Law shows how "utterly sinful" our sin is before a Holy God. It turns more light on!

When we are justified by faith, what is our relationship to the paidagogos? 3:25; Rom.7:1-6

The believer is "released" from the bondage of the Law. We died *with* Christ. It's done.

How did the child's life change when he became an adult in the Roman culture? 4:5

Full rights as a son. Now free but responsible and privileged to honor the father.

For the believer how is this transition described? Lu.22:20; IICor.3:4-11; Heb.8:7-13;

We move from the *Old* Covenant to the *New* Covenant. Old (paidagogos) is obsolete.

Under the New Covenant how do we relate to the Law? Rom.7:6; 8:1-9; Col.2:8-17

For the first time we are 'free to serve in newness of the Spirit...'

Old Covenant specifics NOT in the New...? 4:9-10; 5:2; Acts 15:10-11; 19-20; Col.2:16-17

Days, months, seasons, years, circumcision, food, drink, festival, Sabbath, all of it (Acts)!

Are there commands in the NEW covenant? Jn.13:34; 15:1-17; IJn.3:13-24

Yes. A new command for the new covenant. Love one another. If you love Me...

And what is the *new* relationship that makes this possible? Gal.3:16-29

All believers are ONE in Christ. No ethnic, social, or gender barriers. This is new!

Our NEW relationship explained...4:1-7

What is Paul's point in 4:1-3?

Just like the Roman child we were in slavery to the Law. Like a slave, no rights...

But when the time was come, Jesus, born of a woman, under the Law, did what? vs.4

He redeemed us from the Law so that we might receive the rights of full adult sons!

And because we are full adult sons, what else did God do? vs.6

He sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts, He who calls out "Abba, Father" (like daddy...)

And the glorious conclusion for the believer? vs.7

You're no longer a slave, you're a son! A son of God, an heir of God. Joint heir w/Christ!!

Next question: Now that you're an heir w/Christ, why turn back to the paidagogos?