

4. Read carefully Galatians 4:4-5. For each of the phrases try to explain why it was important.

But when the set time had fully come,
God sent his Son,
born of a woman,
born under the law,
to redeem those under the law,
that we might receive adoption to sonship

5. Finally, on Sunday Jim noted that all of the second person pronouns in the passage “you” are plural with the exception of verse 7 where Paul says “you” (meaning each person). Why do you think that is important and what does it mean to you (individually)?

What Changes Everything Galatians 4:1-7

From burdensome, enslaved adolescence (Galatians 4:1-3)

Two functions of law:

The moral control of the pedagogue

The legal control of the guardian & trustee

The elemental forces that conspire to condemn

Because God sent his Son (Galatians 4:4-5)

The right time (the fullness of time)

The right person (his Son)

The right pedigree (born of a woman)

The right condition (born under the law)

Jesus didn't come under grace, but under law, so that those who were under law, might be received under grace.

The right purpose (to redeem those under the law)

To joyous adulthood as full heirs (Galatians 4:6-7)

A new relationship (adoption to "sonship")

A new resource (the Spirit of God – intimately related to Him)

A new realization (it's personal for all of us as individuals)

Small Group Homework - Week of June 4th, 2017

Getting to know you

This is our last week of spring quarter small groups. We'll be back in September. Many groups are having potlucks or special dinners to close off the year. Take some time and share any special lessons or blessings you have received from your small group.

Digging deeper

1. Sunday we looked at the difference between being a minor child and receiving the *toga virilius* the mark of adulthood in Roman times. It changed everything. Jot down some of the major perspectives in both parent and child that change (or ought to) when a child becomes an adult.
2. Read John 15:14-15. While the picture is a little different (friend instead of son) what is a mark of that new relationship between Jesus and his disciples?
3. Read about the new covenant that God makes with Israel (Jeremiah 31:33-34). What are the marks of that new covenant (from the blessings of God's grace) as opposed to the old covenant that was given under the condition of performance (Jeremiah 11:3-4).