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From Prisoners to Heirs

Galatians 3:23-29

²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

Luke 18:9-14

¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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"The Guardian/Disciplinarian was a slave employed by wealthy Greeks and Romans to have responsibility for one of the children of the family. He had charge of the child from about age 6 to 16, and was responsible for watching over his behavior wherever he went and for conducting him to and from school. The Guardian (pedagogue) did not teach, therefore the translation "schoolmaster" is wrong. Paul's point is that this responsibility ceased when the child entered into the fullness of his position as a son."

**James Montgomery Boice,
Commentary on Galatians, 1976**

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¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Galatians 3:26-27

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

John 1:12-13

⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Galatians 4:6-7

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Romans 8:16

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Galatians 3:28

¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13

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⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Genesis 15:5

Summary Outline of Galatians

- 1.) Gospel of Grace Affirmed & Paul's Apostleship Defended (Ch. 1-2)
- 2.) Establishing Salvation By Grace Alone – “Grace Explained” (Ch. 3-4)
- 3.) How to Walk in Grace – “Grace Applied” (Ch. 5-6)