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# TURNING BACK ISN'T THE WAY FORWARD!

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# Galatians 4:1-11

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“I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we

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were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that

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

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God. Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and

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worthless elementary principles  
of the world, whose slaves you  
want to be once more? You  
observe days and months and  
seasons and years! I am afraid I  
may have labored over you in  
vain.”

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1. The time of your slavery is over!
2. You are adopted sons!

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“Christianity is not a religion of stable and straw; it is a religion of thorns, nails, wood and blood.

The incarnation cannot save us without the crucifixion. Christ did not redeem us by his life alone; he redeemed us through his death.”

~ Philip Ryken  
*Galatians*, pg. 162

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

~ Galatians 4:6-7

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“God’s purpose was not only to *secure* our sonship by His Son, but to *assure* us of it by His Spirit. He sent His Son that we might have the *status* of sonship, and He sent His Spirit so that we would have an *experience*

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of it! This comes through the affectionate, confidential intimacy of our access to God in prayer, in which we find ourselves assuming the attitude and using the language not of slaves, but sons.”

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# 3. Don't forfeit sonship to return to slavery!

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“But now that you have come to  
be know God, or rather to be  
known by God, how can you turn  
back again...”

~ Galatians 4:9

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