



No other gospel can do what the gospel of grace can do. It not only saves us from our sins, but it saves us for a life of freedom and service. In this study of Galatians we are going to be reminded of the gift and the responsibility of being **RESCUED!**

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Rick began by reminding us that *“The book of Galatians is wrestling with the issue of family—who can rightly consider themselves to be children of God.”* What are some of the benefits of being part of the family of God? Follow up: **Read John 1:12.** Why is belief in Jesus a necessary requirement for intimacy with the Father?

2 **CONTEXT: Immature children obey because of law. Read Galatians 3:15-18.** *Paul’s critics would agree that God made a promise to Abraham, but that through Moses He added conditions to that promise.* Why is that view incorrect and how does it impact a person’s relationship with God? Follow up: In what ways is wanting to stay under the law a sign of spiritual infancy?

3 **Read Galatians 3:19-25.** Paul acknowledges the usefulness of the law for the purpose for which it was given. The law served as a *fence* (3:23) and as a *mirror* (3:19). What is significant about the role of each of these purposes of the law? Follow up: Why is it important to realize that nothing we can do can place us in the family of God?

4 **“AND NOW...” We are accepted through Christ. Read Romans 8:3-4.** Rick reminded us *“that we could not become legal heirs until the legal demands of the law were satisfied.”* How does God’s intervention through Christ remind us that even though grace is free it wasn’t cheap? How has that impacted your relationship with your

Father? Follow up: **Read Galatians 3:26-29.** What stands out to you the most from these verses? How is baptism an expression of a person’s faith and not simply an addition to faith?

5 **“AND NOW...” We are adopted by God.** Rick noted that *“Jesus teaches us to view God as our Father because Jesus came on a mission to get us into the family.”* **Read Galatians 4:1-5.** How is the process of having a child biologically different from the process of adopting a child? How is it similar? Follow up: With that in mind, how do you feel about being an adopted child of God (see **Ephesians 1:4-5**)?

6 **“AND NOW...” We are anointed with the Spirit.** *The Holy Spirit is God’s announcement to the spiritual world that we belong to Him.* **Read Galatians 4:6.** How does knowing and experiencing this truth change how you live? Follow up: How does the Spirit bolster our faith in the promises of God when life gets hard (see **Romans 8:23**)?

7 **CONCLUSION: Mature children obey because of love.** Rick closed by saying *“I don’t obey God because I’m afraid of being punished. I obey because I delight in my Dad.”* How has that perspective impacted your relationship with the Father? Follow up: What is one thing you can do this week to remind yourself of your true identity?

