

NOTES

SONSHIP IN CHRIST

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

22 APRIL 18 MORNING MESSAGE

Galatians 3.25 – 4.7, p.974

Series: *Galatians: Freedom in Christ*

We're going to live in Galatians for a few weeks. Consider this letter the "emancipation proclamation" of the Christian faith. The leadership here strongly encourages everyone to use personal time to read through the entire letter frequently in preparation for this series of lessons.

The Doctrine

The gospel, by inserting us into Christ as our unifying identity, has washed away the old slaveries that kept us bound and divided.

1) New Age Unity – 3.25-29

How did the Law cause division and how does the gospel overturn it?

Have you ever heard Christianity being accused of racism, sexism or bigotry? How does this passage refute that claim?

How does baptism relate to this radical, barrier-shattering equality?

2) New Age Identity – 4.1-7

How does being deemed a "son" help us to understand our relationship to the Law?

Why doesn't Paul say we are made sons *and daughters*? Is he being sexist?

Why is "sonship" to be preferred over "adoption" and how does Paul's usage of "Son" in Galatians 1.16 and 2.20 help you understand his point?

What evidence do we have that we are sons of God?