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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, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.



4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 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.

8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods.
9 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 worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? **10** You observe days and months and seasons and years! **11** I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.



1² Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. 1³ You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 1⁴ and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.



1⁵ What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. 1⁶ Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? 1⁷ They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them.



18 It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, **19** my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! **20** I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you. **21** Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. **23** But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. **24** Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar.

25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.²⁶ But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.”



28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. **29** But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. **30** But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” **31** So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.



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The Good News of Freedom, Family and Future

Orphans No Longer

If you **don't know** who you are, you will

**WORK LIKE
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to **prove** who you are!

CHILDREN OF THE LIVING GOD



*Delighting in
the Father's Love*

SINCLAIR B FERGUSON

“The notion that we are children of God, His own sons and daughters ... is the mainspring of Christian living ... Our sonship to God is the apex of creation and the goal of redemption”

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- 2. What privileges have we received?**
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1. How we are adopted?

Galatians 3:26

for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

Our relationship with our Father in Heaven
is not about doing,
it's about being - His sons and daughters.

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4:4-5

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Galatians 4:7

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A son is an heir, not by virtue of high accomplishments, but by virtue of his birth. He is a mere recipient. His birth makes him an heir, not his labors. In exactly the same way we obtain the eternal gifts of righteousness, resurrection, and everlasting life. We obtain them not as agents, but as beneficiaries. We are the children and heirs of God through faith in Christ.

Martin Luther

We have Christ to thank for everything. We are not the heirs of some rich and mighty man, but heirs of God, the almighty Creator of all things. If a person could fully appreciate what it means to be a son and heir of God, he would rate the might and wealth of nations small change in comparison with his heavenly inheritance. What is the world to him who has heaven?

Martin Luther

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Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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Galatians 4:6


And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Mark 14:36

And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

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- 1. Your Backs are Covered**
 - 2. Your Cries are Understood**
 - 3. Your Prayers will be Answered**