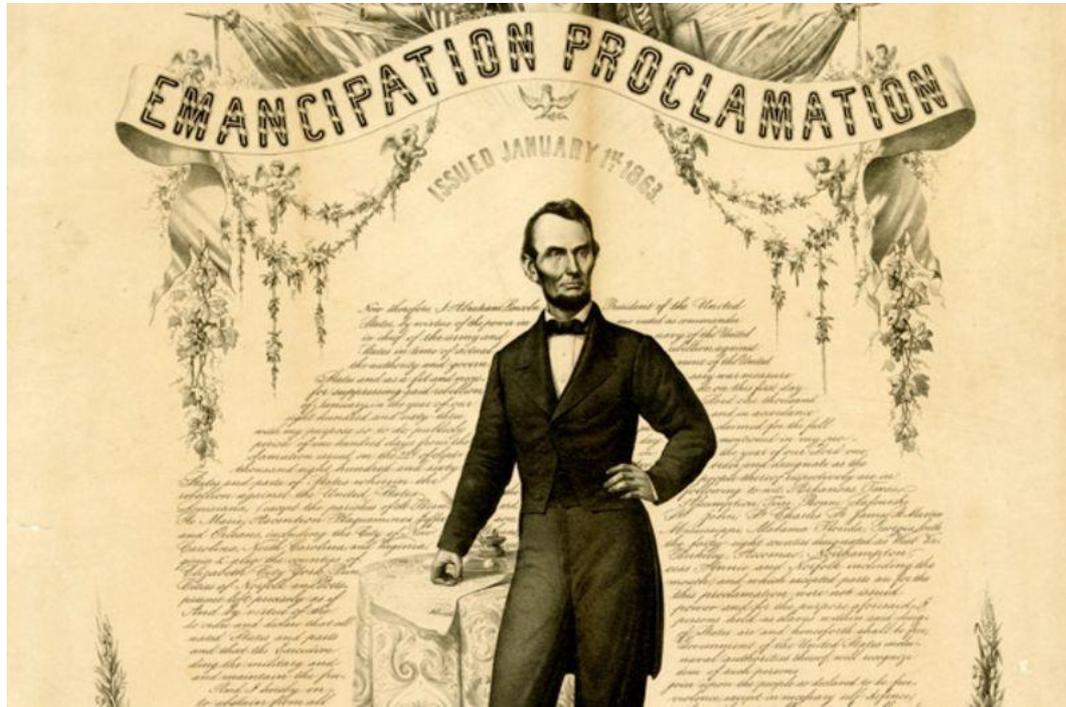


Galatians 3:26-4:7

Jesus Sets Us Free



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- He was proclaiming freedom to mankind



I. Jesus came to Free us from Slavery

4:1-4



- We are a slave to *the basic principles of the world*
- What are the basic principles?
- It means to keep in line, like a soldier in the rank and file
- Or like a child that has to stay in line when in school



- This principle is also used in Colossians. 2:8,20
- Hollow and deceptive philosophy, that's how the world thinks
- Rules, human commands, outward holiness
- The world's way is directly against the Word of God
- Whatever you may be in slavery to: sinful habits, \$, job, things
- Religion can be a form of slavery with dos and don'ts
- A lifestyle that may seem fun at 1st but then drags you down
- Materialism, being a slave to things
- Jesus came to save you from slavery



- When the time had fully come vs. 4
- Jesus' coming into the world was perfect
- The Roman empire had united Europe and the Mediterranean World
- The Greek language was the state language, done by Alexander the Great.
- During this most powerful empire a baby was born in an obscure corner of the empire in a little town
- The King of Kings was born



II. Jesus came to Save us for Sonship

3:26-28, 4:5,6



- We become better than angels
- We become sons of God
- It is our standing before the Lord, women you won't become sons
- Sons inherit the estate
- God does this in a unique way, He has only one Son, Jesus Christ
- But God wanted more sons, so He buys us out of slavery



- God's offer goes out to all slaves of sin
- Do you want to be my child?
- We were slaves to sin and God bought us out of sin and death
- As with any adoption it costs something
- In God's case, it cost Him the death of His oldest son, Jesus
- HE had to pay the price for our sins in order for us to be His



III. Jesus came to make us heirs

3:26-29, 4:7



- We have the full rights of natural born sons
- But with God, the inheritance is much more valuable
- 1. Eternal life. Jesus came to offer salvation through faith
- 2. We have the right of asking the Father for anything according to his will



- We also receive the power of Christ Vs 27
- At the time of salvation, the Spirit comes to dwell in the new believer
- You are baptized by the Holy Spirit
- The God of the Universe is living inside each believer



- We are also part of a unique family Vs 28
- God's family is really big, He is the Father, Jesus the oldest son
- And the rest of us are equal
- We are all one in Christ, rich or poor, white or blue collar, men women, all are equal
- We are part of a family where we are all accepted



But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Pero, cuando se cumplió el plazo, Dios envió a su Hijo, nacido de una mujer, nacido bajo la ley, para rescatar a los que estaban bajo la ley, a fin de que fuéramos adoptados como hijos

Hata ulipowadia utimilifu wa wakati, Mungu alimtuma Mwanawe ambaye amezaliwa na mwanamke, amezaliwa chini ya sharia, kusudi awakomboe hao waliokuwa chini ya sheria, ili sisi tupate kupokea hali ya kuwa wana

但到了时机成熟,神就差遣他的儿子,由女人所生,而且生在律法之下,要把律法之下的人救赎出来,好让我们得着嗣子的名分

그러나 때가 되어 하나님은 자기 아들을 보내 여자에게서 태어나게 하시고 율법의 지배를 받게 하셨습니다. 그것은 율법 아래 있는 사람들을 구원하고 우리를 하나님의 자녀가 되게 하기 위해서입니다.

परन्तु जब समय पूरा हुआ, तो परमेश्वर ने अपने पुत्र को भेजा, जो स्त्री से जन्मा, और व्यवस्था के आधीन उत्पन्न हुआ। ताकि व्यवस्था के आधीनों को मोल लेकर छोड़ा ले, और हम को लेपालक होने का पद मिले।

Ал Құдай белгілеген уақыты жеткенде, Өзінің рухани Ұлын жіберді. Ол бір әйел арқылы дүниеге келіп, Таурат заңы үстемдік етіп тұрған халықтың арасында сол заңға бағынғандарды босатып,

Galatians 3:26-4:7 Jesus Sets Us Free

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I. Jesus came to free us from Slavery 4:1-4

Before a person becomes a Christian he is a slave

The illustration is used here of a boy that will inherit the estate

He has full rights, but he is the same as a slave

He does what he is told, he is under a “law” the contract set by dad

He isn’t truly free till he is a man and inherits the estate

So we are like that boy, a slave. Not physically, but spiritually

We are a slave to *the basic principles of the world*

What are the basic principles?

It means to keep in line, like a soldier in the rank and file

Or like a child that has to stay in line when in school

What happens when he gets out of line? Hey, get back in line!

Why do I have to be in line? Because everyone else is in line

So in this passage, it has the idea of staying in line with the world

This principle is also used in Colossians. 2:8,20

>Hollow and deceptive philosophy, that’s how the world thinks

>Rules, human commands, outward holiness

>The world’s way is directly against the Word of God

When we were not believers, we stayed in line with the world’s way

And it is slavery

>Whatever you may be in slavery to: sinful habits, \$, job, things

>Religion can be a form of slavery with dos and don’ts

>A lifestyle that may seem fun at 1st but then drags you down

>Materialism being a slave to things

Jesus came to save you from slavery

From the staying in line with the world

Jesus came and took us out of the line and gave us a new life

When the time had fully come vs. 4

Jesus’ coming into the world was perfect

The Roman empire had united Europe and the Mediterranean World

Octavian the Roman ruler had completed this in 30 BC

The Greek language was the state language, done by

Alexander the Great. There was peace, Pax Romana

During this most powerful empire a baby was born in an obscure

corner of the empire in a little town

The King of Kings was born

He fulfilled the prophecy of the Bible that the Messiah had to be

born in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary had to go there to register

They were ordered to by that Roman government

God sent His Son at the perfect time to redeem us!

To buy us back from the world where we were slaves

Jesus Christ was on a rescue mission!

He didn’t come so that we would have a nice winter holiday!

We are told over and over by the basic principles of the world that

there are certain things that are meaningful during Christmas

>Got to have the Christmas spirit, really just be happy

>Be in the giving mood

>Family is what really matters during Christmas

>That special present is what really matters, the stores tell us that

>There may even be religious undertones that give us a form of

Christianity or religion to make us feel better

Be very careful who you listen to this Christmas

People, TV, Media want to tell us all sorts of things during this time

of year. Don’t miss the reasons why Jesus came!

He came to save you and I from slavery

He came to save the world, but that isn't all, there is more....

II. Jesus came to Save us for Sonship 3:26-28, 4:5,6

Some people think that we become angels when we go to heaven

Maybe you have seen movies where people become angels

Or get their wings or something like that

We become better than angels

We become sons of God

It is our standing before the Lord, women you won't become sons

Sons inherit the estate

God does this in a unique way, He has only one Son, Jesus Christ

But God wanted more sons, so He buys us out of slavery

Now, if there is no son, a slave or an orphan can be adopted

Then by Jewish law, the slave or orphan becomes just like a son

God does this for us!

That is what God did for us

God's offer goes out to all slaves of sin

Do you want to be my child?

We were slaves to sin and God bought us out of sin and death

As with any adoption it costs something

In God's case, it cost Him the death of His oldest son, Jesus

HE had to pay the price for our sins in order for us to be His

And there is still one more step

III. Jesus came to make us Heirs 3:26-29, 4:7

We have the full rights of natural born sons

But with God, the inheritance is much more valuable

1. Eternal life. Jesus came to offer salvation through faith

2. We have the right of asking the Father for anything according to his will

>Praying for people to come to faith in Christ

>Wisdom from the Word and when we need it

>Ask for His will to be done in our lives

>And we can ask for things, desires, but you and I need to be careful

Because that thing that you want may not be what you need

And that thing could be a burden rather than a joy

We need to ask according to His will and leave the results to the Lord

We also receive the power of Christ Vs 27

This isn't water baptism, it is spiritual baptism at the time of salvation

I Cor 12:13 **For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.**

At the time of salvation, the Spirit comes to dwell in the new believer

You are baptized by the Holy Spirit

The God of the Universe is living inside each believer

That is God's power ready to be used

Eph 1:19-22 **and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,**

All too often, we wake up hoping that the world won't deal us a bunch of problems

Maybe you notice the aches and pains and you forget about the H.S. dwelling in you

Remember Immanuel, God with us, wanting to work in you

We are also part of a unique family Vs 28

Each family is unique isn't it?

Our family has certain things we say that only we understand

Each family has it's own personality, family jokes,

A certain way that we do things

God's family is really big, He is the Father, Jesus the oldest son

And the rest of us are equal

We are all one in Christ, rich or poor, white or blue collar, men women, all are equal

We are part of a family where we are all accepted

We all have this in common, sinners adopted by grace

Remember the story of Oliver

The street boy that falls into the hands of street crooks

Then a rich man adopts him

But the bad guy Bill takes him back in the gang

But he dies, Oliver is set free to live as a rich son

That is what God did for us, took us from the streets of sin

Defeated the enemy and made us rich sons