

# GALATIANS 3:23-4:7

## ADOPTED INTO A FAMILY

What Jesus did through his death and resurrection was not only a work of justification, but of unification. Sometimes as we journey with Jesus we find ourselves focusing on what makes us different rather than what it means to be a part of a healthy family. In this section of Galatians Paul makes an appeal to the church to lay their differences aside and see themselves as single, unified family.

**Galatians 3:23-29, Galatians 4:1-7, Isaiah 64:6a, Isaiah 61:10, Colossians 3, John 14:10**

The law had two primary functions:

- The law showed people their sin
- The law prepared the way for Jesus

The law didn't give life, it regulated

The law was to prepare Israel for the "way of faith"

Both men and women become "adult sons" in God's family

God's family does not have hierarchies of people

As members of God's family we are ALL heirs of his promise

### **We can choose to be a "son" or a slave**

The son has a father – the servant has a master

The son has the same nature as the father – the slave does not

The son is rich – the servant is poor

The son obeys out of love – the slave obeys out of fear