

## Galatians (Part 14)

(From Slavery to Sonship – Galatians 4:1-7)

Introduction (1:1-10)

I. The Divine Origin of Paul's Gospel Designated (1:11, 12)

II. The Divine Origin of Paul's Gospel Defended (1:13-2:21)

III. The Truth of Paul's Gospel Demonstrated: Justification by Faith (3:1-4:31)

A. By Doctrinal Argument (3:1-4:7)

1. The Argument Introduced: The Experience of the Galatians (vs. 1-5)

2. The Argument Continued: The Teaching of the Old Testament (vs. 6-14)

3. The Argument Illustrated: The Binding Nature of Human Covenants (vs. 15-18)

4. The Argument Expanded: The Role of the Law (vs. 19-24)

5. The Argument Concluded: The Status of Believers Under the Gospel (3:25-4:7)

a. Their Sonship Affirmed (3:25-29)

b. Their Sonship Explained (4:1-7)

1. The Condition of Jews Under the Law Described (vs. 1-3)

-minor children under guardians and managers

-“elemental things of the world” = the basic elements and rituals of man-made religion

2. The Condition of Believers Under the Gospel Described (vs. 4-6)

-God sent forth His Son (pre-existence, authority, deity)

-Appointed Time; Attendant Conditions; Astounding Purposes

-Proof of Sonship: the indwelling Holy Spirit

3. The Status of Believers Under the Gospel Summarized (v. 7)

### Practical Lessons

→Let us marvel and the glorious privilege and blessing of our spiritual sonship in Christ.