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# A Cry for Freedom

GRACE THAT IS STILL AMAZING

A STUDY OF GALATIANS

**Lesson 7**

**Slavery or Freedom; It's Your Choice**

**Galatians 4:1-11**



March 8, 2026



# **Bible Study Prayer**

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,  
What we know not - teach us,  
What we have not - give us,  
What we are not - make us,  
For your Son's sake,  
Amen.**



**Slavery or Freedom; It's Your Choice - Galatians 4:1-11**

**Slave or Child**  
**It's All the Same Thing**  
**Galatians 4:1-3**



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**The Law was our nanny. –  
Galatians 3:23**

**Galatians 4 continues the child analogy  
only now the child is the heir.  
He/she is a ward of the estate and  
a guardian governs the estate.  
(Testamentary Trust)**



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**The Law is your nanny.  
The Law is your guardian.**

**Either way you live under subjection  
to the law just as a slave lives  
under subjection to the master.**



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**Or, as you might say it  
to your own kids:**

**When you live  
under my roof . . .**



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**The Jews boasted of being  
Children of Abraham.**

**Yet, they had abandoned  
the blessings of Abraham for a legal  
system which had enslaved them.**



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**One more thing about Verse 3  
It's the same for us as Christians.**

**Elemental spiritual forces  
of this world**

**Colossians 2:8 & 20**



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**We are all born ignorant,  
but one must work hard to remain stupid.  
Benjamin Franklin**

**The difference between stupidity and genius  
is that genius has its limits.  
Albert Einstein**



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**Stupid or maybe something else . . .**

**Why do some people choose  
slavery / oppression over freedom?**

**Why do some kids choose living under their  
parents control over freedom?**





# Final Thought – Galatians 4:4-7



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# **Final Thought – Galatians 4:4-7**



**God sent His Son**

**To buy our freedom from slavery**

**And adopt us into His family.**

**He then gave us His Spirit within us**

**So that we would know Him as Daddy.**

**We became God's child and His heir.**



**Next Week!**

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# Where Is Your Joy?

## Galatians 4:12-20



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