

EPISODE NO. 331

Gal. 4:1-11

Our Inheritance

Paul wrote these words: 1 I am telling you this: While the heir is still a child, he is no different from a slave. It doesn't matter that the heir owns everything. 2 Because, while he is a child, he must obey the people chosen to take care of him until the child reaches the age which his father set. 3 It is the same for us. We were once like little children — we were slaves to the standards of this world. 4 But when the right time came, God sent His Son. God's Son was born from a woman; he lived under the law. 5 God did this, so that He could buy back the freedom of those who were under the law. God's purpose was to make us His children.

6 You ARE God's children. That is why God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts. The Spirit cries out, "Father, dear Father!" 7 So now, you are no longer a slave — you are God's child. Since you are His child, God made you an heir.

Become Like Me

8 In the past, you didn't know God. You were slaves to gods which were not even real. 9 But now, you know the true God. Actually, it is God who knows you! So, why do you turn back to those weak and useless standards which you followed before? Do you want to be slaves to those things again? 10 You are still observing special Jewish days, months, seasons, and years. 11 I am afraid for you. I fear that my work for you has been wasted.