

God as Father

Discipline of the Law. Legal bondage. Sin. Separation.

Covenant of Law then Covenant of Grace.

Rom 8:14-15 Triumph of grace is sonship with God.

Led by the Spirit and become sons. Live in Spirit and not flesh.

Cry Abba: Greek means emphatic and spontaneous.

Spirit tells us we are sons of God. Greek means positioned as a son. Not spirit of bondage but spirit of adoption. Adoption familiar to Greeks and Romans but not to Jews.

Spirit bears witness that we are children. If children then heirs. Glorified with Christ.

Gal 4:1-4 in flesh blood determines sonship; in spirit sovereignty of God. Timing. Christians made heirs at time God chose them. Jews and Gentiles were in bondage.

Gal 4: 5 Son (Greek means His own Son) , born of a woman; born under the law to redeem us from the law. Was subject to the entire Law. Kept it perfectly. Was subject to all the penalties under the Law. At the time appointed by the Father. Prophecies. Redeemed (purchased from slavery) from the Law.

Gal 4:6 God sends Spirit of Son into our hearts crying out Abba. No longer a slave but a son. And if son then heir. Equal inheritance.

Son of man becomes a son of God because Son of God became Son of Man!

Luke 15 Prodigal son.

Younger is independent and rebellious. Doesn't want restraint.

Then in want.

Swine indicates the depth of his agony.

Now empty and desolate. Home now doesn't seem like bondage.

Not worthy of his father. Realizes his sins.

Father sees him from afar. Runs to him. Father not disgusted.

Embraces and kisses son.

Rags, haggard, wretched!

Son's confession is open and sincere.

Son doesn't feel like a servant anymore because of father's action.

Robe Zech 3:4 remove filthy garments; take away iniquity.

Ring

Shoes ; slaves went barefoot.

Fatted calf for special occasions.

Son again : born now returned. Dead now alive.

Older son doesn't understand father's joy.

Can't call him his brother.

Some churches send out the older brother.

