

Study Guide on Galatians 3:15-18; 4:1-7

Good News Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Galatians 3:15-18

(Galatians 3:15) My friends, I am going to use an everyday example: when two people agree on a matter and sign an agreement, no one can break it or add anything to it.

(Galatians 3:16) Now, God made his promises to Abraham and to his descendant. The scripture does not use the plural “descendants,” meaning many people, but the singular “descendant,” meaning one person only, namely, Christ.

(Galatians 3:17) What I mean is that God made a covenant with Abraham and promised to keep it. The Law, which was given four hundred and thirty years later, cannot break that covenant and cancel God’s promise.

(Galatians 3:18) For if God’s gift depends on the Law, then it no longer depends on his promise. However, it was because of his promise that God gave that gift to Abraham.

Galatians 4:1-7

(Galatians 4:1) But now to continue—the son who will receive his father’s property is treated just like a slave while he is young, even though he really owns everything.

(Galatians 4:2) While he is young, there are men who take care of him and manage his affairs until the time set by his father.

(Galatians 4:3) In the same way, we too were slaves of the ruling spirits of the universe before we reached spiritual maturity.

(Galatians 4:4) But when the right time finally came, God sent his own Son. He came as the son of a human mother and lived under the Jewish Law,

(Galatians 4:5) to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might become God’s children.

(Galatians 4:6) To show that you are his children, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who cries out, “Father, my Father.”

(Galatians 4:7) So then, you are no longer a slave but a child. And since you are his child, God will give you all that he has for his children.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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