

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

New Revised Standard Version

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) Brothers and sisters, I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it.

(Galatians 3:16) Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, "And to offsprings," as of many; but it says, "And to your offspring," that is, to one person, who is Christ.

(Galatians 3:17) My point is this: the law, which came four hundred thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise.

(Galatians 3:18) For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise.

Galatians 4:1-7

(Galatians 4:1) My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property;

(Galatians 4:2) but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father.

(Galatians 4:3) So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world.

(Galatians 4:4) But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

(Galatians 4:5) in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

(Galatians 4:6) And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

(Galatians 4:7) So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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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