

Only One Gospel: Earning Nothing, Gaining Everything

Galatians 4:1-7

**What is the last thing in life that
you earned?**

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“**But before faith came**, we were kept in custody under the Law, being confined for the faith that was destined to be revealed. ²⁴ **Therefore the Law has become our guardian to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.** ²⁵ **But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.** ²⁶ **For you are all sons and daughters of God through faith in Christ Jesus.** ²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ **And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.”**

Galatians 3:23-29 NASB

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Galatians 4:6-7

“For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of **adoption** as sons, by whom **we** cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ **The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit** that we are children of God,”

Romans 8:15-16

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What Did We Gain?

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- True Knowledge of Ourselves Apart From God
- Safety
- Intimacy with God
- We Are Known & Loved
- Identity
- Unspeakable Joy
- We are Wealthy Beyond Imagination

What Did We Gain?

Galatians 4:1-7

- A God Who Is Sovereign
- A God Who Knows Our Pain, Struggle and Temptation - Yet Was Perfect.
- A Redeemer - Who Paid Our Price
- The Holy Spirit Who Takes Knowledge And Creates Lived Experience Of God In Us
- A God Who Loves Us Unexpectedly
- A Perfect Dad

"Galatians as a whole suggests that we will be tempted to compromise and deny the gospel by treating God as an impersonal Master, and not a father. We'll try to prove ourselves to him and *earn* his love when he has already loved us, and sent his Son for us."

Marshall Segal

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