

What are you saving up for? Why?



Tell us about a gift you're looking forward to receiving this Christmas season.



If you could choose to be someone's son or daughter for a day, who would you choose as your parent/s and why?





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7So you aren't a slave any longer. You are God's child. Because you are his child, God gives you the rights of those who are his children.





SLAVES

- a person who is the legal property of another and is forced to obey them
- a person who works very hard without proper remuneration or appreciation
- a person who is excessively dependent upon or controlled by someone or something



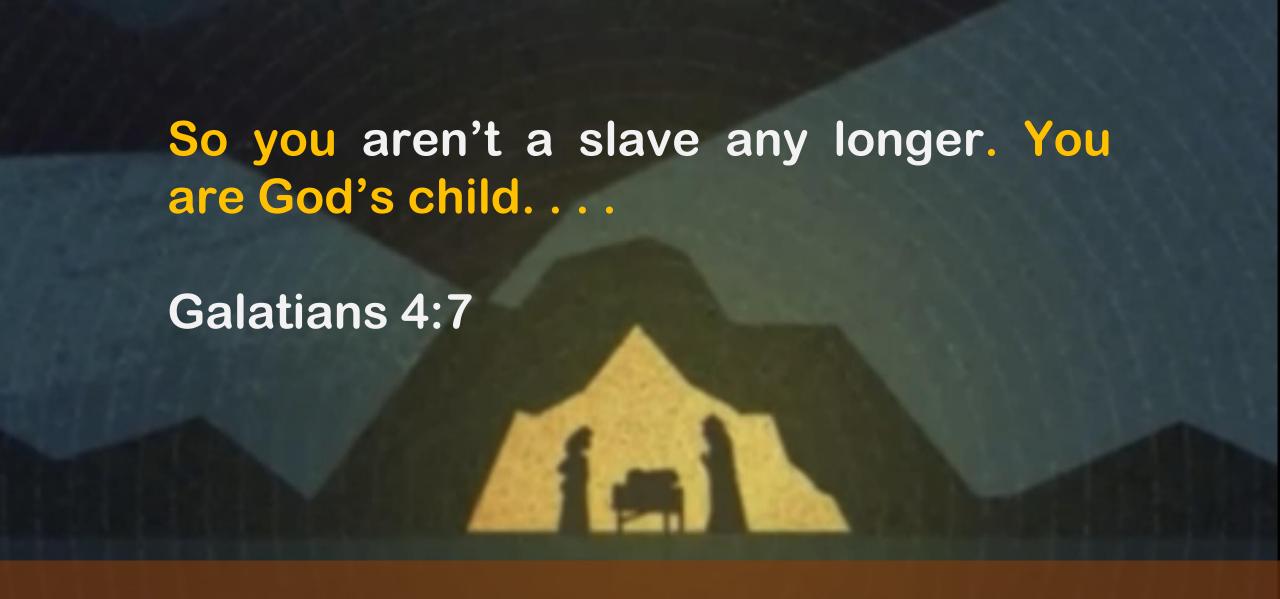
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11 mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.

Galatians 4:1-2



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Galatians 4:5



We have been adopted as sons and daughters.

REDEEM

- is from the Greek root word exagorazo

- the same word used to buy a slave out of bondage





So you aren't a slave any longer. You are God's child. Because you are his child, God gives you the rights of those who are his children.

Galatians 4:7



We have been adopted as sons and daughters.



Galatians 3:29



We are now heirs according to the promise.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places..."

Ephesians 1:3





APPLICATION

Are there times when you act like a slave or servant more than a son or daughter of God? What are you going to do differently this week in light of knowing that you are a child of God?



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What promises are you holding on to as an inheritance from the Lord? What verses in the Bible are you standing on this season?



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Who among your friends and family needs to embrace his or her identity as a child of God and the inheritance we have in Him? Commit to find opportunities to preach the gospel to him or her.

