



Heaven's Freedom #2

A study in Galatians.

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

1. The Prison.

Galatians 3:22 *But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.*

Galatians 3:24 *So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.*

2. Two Destinies

Galatians 4:28-31 *Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit.*

It is the same now. But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance of the free woman's son."

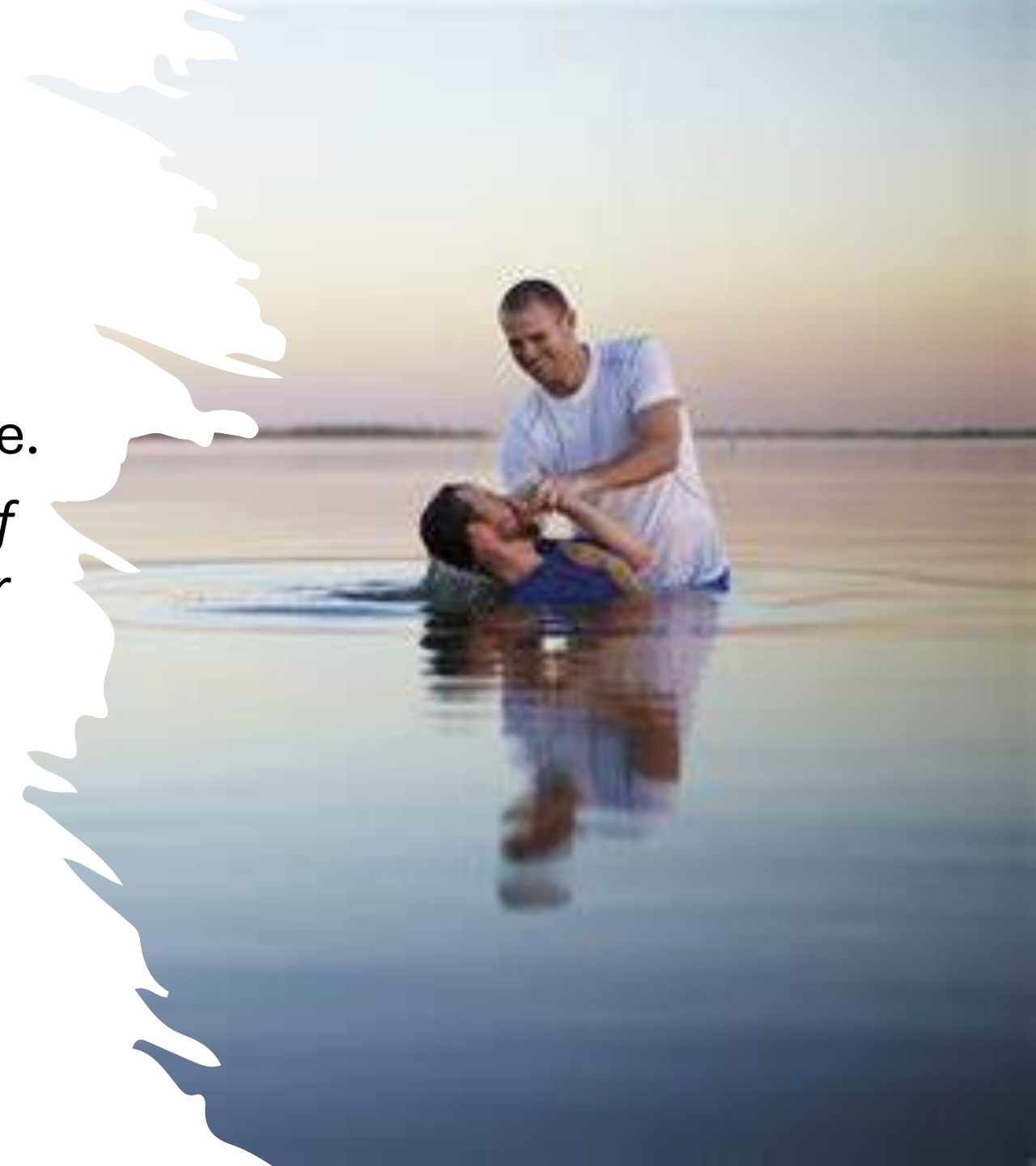
Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.



3. Full Rights

- Our “rights” start with who we are.

Galatians 3:26-27 *You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves in Christ.*



Galatians 3:28 *There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Galatians 3:29 *If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

4. Cry of the Spirit

Galatians 4:4 *But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law...*

Galatians 4:5 *...to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.*

Area	Sons	Slaves / Child of Slaves
Relationship:	Sons have fathers, emphasizing a loving relationship.	Slaves have masters, which is based on expediency.
Family:	Sons are part of the family, enjoying greater liberty and rights.	Slaves have no rights.
Autonomy:	Sons gain autonomy as they mature, making their own choices.	Slaves only follow orders.
Love:	Sons experience love from their fathers. There's no fear of punishment.	Fear of punishment / retribution.
Legal Rights:	Sons have legal rights and	Slaves lack legal rights,

	Sons of God	Children of Slaves
Treatment:	God treats us as sons - and we are joint heirs with Jesus.	Satan treats people as slaves.

Galatians 4:6-7 *Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.*