

# GALATIANS 4:8-20

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## SERMON SUMMARY

God rescued us from slavery to sin and performance, he adopted us and made us his children, bringing us into his family by grace. Therefore, being a Christian is to be in relationship with God as Father, not ritual and religion before God as Judge needing to be appeased. Because of grace, not works, we can know God intimately, find joy in his truth, and grow to be more like Jesus.

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- What does it mean to live as a child in a relationship not enslaved to religion?
- What does it mean to be “known by God”?
- If God still expects His people to obey, how is a relationship with Him different than being a slave to religion? How should we view our works or obedience?
- What are some practical ways to grow in your intimacy with God?
- Are there any Scriptural truths that you need to hear and apply to your own life right now? Is there anyone that you need to speak truth in love to this week?

## PRAYER PROMPTS

- Pray that God would show you how to walk in his grace; that you would remember where he brought you from and where you are going.
- Pray that God would help you to trust in his word, even when it’s difficult to grasp, feels convicting, or may not be popular or accepted.
- Pray that God would give you a great zeal for his purposes and glory in your life; that you would desire growth in Christlikeness, and that you would have a great passion to see others become more like Jesus.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY THIS WEEK

Psalms 139

Hebrews 1

Luke 15

Psalms 119:97-112

2 Timothy 3

James 2:14-26