



# Meriden Hills Baptist

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Galatians 4:1-12

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## No Longer a Slave

### I. Children Under Instruction - vs. 1-3

- A. The Law was not meant to take the place of the Messiah but rather to instruct God's people in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(2 Timothy 3:16)

• *Obedience of the Law does not make one righteous, but it does direct one toward a godly lifestyle which pleases the Lord.*

- B. Although the Jews were promised \_\_\_\_\_ under the Messiah, they were bound to obedience of the Law until His \_\_\_\_\_.

• *The Jews were required to follow the Law just as a child is required to follow their parent's instruction.*

- C. Even healthy \_\_\_\_\_ can seem overbearing to a child.

• *An immature child follows instruction because they are required to do so, a mature adult follows instruction because they see the benefit of good choices.*

### II. Children Under Adoption - vs. 4-7

- A. God never intended to keep His followers in a state of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_: obedience by force rather than choice.

- B. When Christ paid for the sins of His followers, He placed them in the position of \_\_\_\_\_ sons and daughters: free to make their own \_\_\_\_\_ based on the instruction previously given.

- C. \_\_\_\_\_ who accept Christ as Savior are placed in the family of God as adult children: without the need to be first placed under the \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Children Under Subjection - vs. 8-12

- A. Salvation is not just a promise of future \_\_\_\_\_, but also victory over present \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Before accepting the truth of the Gospel, all humanity is enslaved to the deception of human philosophy.*
- B. Once the truth has been revealed and accepted, we would be \_\_\_\_\_ to return again to willful \_\_\_\_\_.
- *One cannot lose the promise of eternity, but one can lose the joy of this life.*
- C. Paul understood the temptation to live under \_\_\_\_\_, but encourages all believers to embrace true \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Legalism gives one a tangible set of rules to qualify the righteous from the unrighteous, Christian liberty requires faith in the righteousness of the Messiah.*