

Galatians 4:1-5

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born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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The young heir had about as much liberty as a slave. He had no legal or property rights. His guardian kept him under discipline. He was told when to wake up, when to get to school, what to wear, how to behave, and when to go to bed. He also had a trustee to manage his property, especially if his father was deceased. Until he came of age he was called the “young master”- “master” because one day he would inherit the estate but “young” to keep him in his place.

– Philip Ryken



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come, **God sent forth his Son**

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little
to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall
come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient
days.

– Micah 5:2

In the **beginning** was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was God. He was in the
beginning with God.

- John 1:1-2

And he is **before all things**, and in him all things
hold together.

– Colossians 1:17

Not only in dignity, being preferable to angels and men in his nature, names, offices, and works, and worthy of more honour than all creatures; but he is before them in existence, as he must needs be, since they are all made by him; he was not only before John the Baptist, his forerunner, before Abraham who saw his day and was glad, before the first man was made, but before the angels were in being, or the heavens and the earth, or any creature were formed; and therefore must be God, who is from everlasting to everlasting:

- John Gill



Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

– Hebrews 10:7

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come, God sent forth his Son, **born of
woman**

Man who is born of a woman is few of days
and full of trouble.

– Job 14:1

JESUS' PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

Matthew 4:1-2

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, ***he was hungry.***

John 4:5-6

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, ***tired as he was from the journey,*** sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

John 19:28

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "***I am thirsty.***"

Evangelicals are quick to defend the truth that in Jesus Christ “all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form” (Col. 2:9), and rightly we should. But there is a tendency among us, in the interests of Christ’s deity to minimize His humanity.

– Sam Storms



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And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised...And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord...)

– Luke 2:21-23

John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

- Matthew 3:14-15

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

– Matthew 5:17

for I always do the things that are
pleasing to him.

– John 8:29

Christ entered by birth into an inherited obligation to obey the law of God, but to him such obedience was no mere obligation but a spontaneous joy. Paul might have put on the lips of Christ the language of Ps. 40:8, 'I delight to do thy will, O my God; thy law is within my heart'

– F. F. Bruce



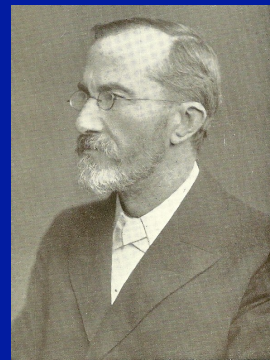
Christ redeemed us from the **curse** of the law by becoming a **curse** for us— for it is written, “**Cursed** is everyone who is hanged on a tree”

– Galatians 3:13

Christ not only became man, bound to obedience, but he became a curse for us.

He made our doom his own. He took on him not only the calling of a man, but our responsibility as sinful men; it is in this that his work as our Redeemer lies, for it is in this that the measure, or rather the immensity, of his love is seen.

– James Denny



so that we might receive adoption
as sons

But to all who did receive him, who
believed in his name, he gave the right to
become children of God,
- John 1:12

See what kind of love the Father has given
to us, that we should be called children of
God; and so we are.

- 1 John 3:1

What is a Christian? The question can be answered in many ways, but the richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father.

– J. I. Packer



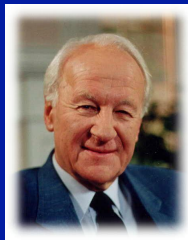
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because God's love has been poured into
our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has
been given to us.

– Romans 5:5

God's purpose was not only to secure our sonship by His Son, but to assure us of it by His Spirit. He sent His Son that we might have the status of sonship, and He sent His Spirit that we might have an experience of it. This comes through the affectionate, confidential intimacy of our access to God in prayer, in which we find ourselves assuming the attitude and using the language not of slaves, but of sons.

– John Stott



So you are no longer a slave, but a son,
and if a son, then an heir through God.

There is no slavery in Christ, but
only sonship.
– Martin Luther

