

Galatians 4:1-9

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a **slave**, though he is the owner of everything, [2] but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. [3] In the same way we also, when we were children, were **enslaved** to the elementary principles of the world. [4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as **sons**. [6] And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” [7] So you are no longer a **slave**, but a **son**, and if a **son**, then an heir through God. [8] Formerly, when you did not know God, you were **enslaved** to those that by nature are not gods. [9] But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose **slaves** you want to be once more?

Romans 8:12-23

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. [13] For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are **sons** of God. [15] For you did not receive the spirit of **slavery** to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as **sons**, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children** of God, [17] and if **children**, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. [18] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. [19] For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the **sons** of God. [20] For the creation was **subjected** to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself will be **set free from its bondage** to corruption and obtain the **freedom** of the glory of the **children** of God. [22] For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. [23] And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as **sons**, the redemption of our bodies.