



### **Community Group Study: Sola Gratia**

The Courage to Be Protestant - Part 4 | Galatians 4:1-7 | week of August 27

#### **GETTING STARTED**

- If you asked 100 people what the difference is between Christianity and other religions, what answers do you think you would get?
- What would you say is the difference (if any)?

#### **Read Galatians 4:1-7.**

#### **DISCUSS & APPLY**

- According to Galatians 3:26-27, who is a son of God and why?
  
- Why is it wonderful to be a son of God?
  - According to 4:1-5, 7?
  
  - According to 4:6?
  
- How does Paul describe the work of the Son (4:4-5, 7)? What is true about Jesus, according to these verses? What is true about the work of Jesus?

- How does Paul describe the work of the Spirit (4:6)?
- Is adoption something you *experience* as well as *understand*? If not, how can you meditate on the Son's work more? How can you ask the Spirit to work on your heart and affections more?
- When we don't feel joyful as Christians, or loved by God, what do we need to do?
- When are you most in danger of living as a slave, not a son?
- How should adoption address issues in your relationship with God, such as anxiety, trust, guilt/shame, and prayer?
- How should adoption address issues in your relationship with others, such as a desire for approval, the ability to receive criticism, teachability, and complaining/bitterness?

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- How will you make sure you meditate on the reality and privilege of sonship each day of the rest of your life?