
*A New Era Ushered in by Christ
Galatians 4:1–7
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Introduction:

- I. A legal analogy: the Old Covenant is a time of guardianship. Galatians 4:1–3

- II. Christ's coming marks a time of freedom.
 - A. The timing was not arbitrary. Galatians 4:4a

 - B. The preexistence of Christ. Galatians 4:4b

 - C. God became human. Galatians 4:4c

 - D. Born under the law. Galatians 4:4d

 - E. To bring redemption. Galatians 4:5a

 - F. To grant the privilege of adoption. Galatians 4:5b

- III. The Spirit confirms our adoption. Galatians 4:6–7

Questions for reflection:

- *What makes the era of Jesus far better than the era of the Old Mosaic Covenant?*
- *In what ways was the world prepared for the coming Christ?*
- *What difference does the theological principle of being adopted into God's family make in our lives?*