



**Series:** Life in the Favor of Jesus

**Passage** Galatians 3:18-29; 4:1-7

**Title** A Lavish Inheritance

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**Discussion Starter:** How would your life and mindset change if you knew you were going to receive a one hundred-million-dollar inheritance? How does your lavish inheritance in Christ effect your life and daily mindset?

**A Lavish Inheritance:** (Galatians 3:18, 3:29)

- Read 3:29. Consider both the family, and the rich inheritance that we have in Christ. What do you envision that to be? What did you learn about your inheritance in Christ from the sermon?
- As we consider how deep the Father's love is for us, and the lavish inheritance we have in Jesus Christ, why do you think we often forget to identify ourselves with our lavish inheritance in daily life? What side effects does forgetting this have upon us?
- 3:27 What does it mean to be "baptized into Christ" or to "put on Christ"?

**The Law in relation to our lavish inheritance:** (Galatians 3:18-29)

- Paraphrase 3:19, and 3:24 in your own words. Do you see these passages as condemning or gracious? Explain why.
- Galatians 3:24 it speaks of the law as "our tutor", which is better translated "our guardian" to guide us to Jesus. Pastor David said this guardian (the law) shows us: 1) How to live life like Jesus (an abundant life). 2) Our need for a Savior. Do you agree? How does the law (our guardian) accomplish these two things?
- We receive the entirety of our inheritance when Jesus calls us home. But we can also have part of our inheritance now in the person of the Holy Spirit. Read Ephesians 1:13-14, 1:17-18 and discuss what these verses say about possessing some of our inheritance in everyday life now.

**Slave or Heir:** (Galatians 4:1-7)

- The term "slave" here is refereeing of an *indentured servant* (a servant who enters into an agreement to work off a debt) who was to be released from his position after he paid off his debt. Paul makes a point to illustrate how both the slave and the heir live out similar roles in daily life until the father gives the son his entire inheritance. In for 4:3 Paul says this scenario is a picture of our life before we were redeemed to Jesus (bound by rules, laws, guilt, debt). Discuss why this is (or isn't) a good analogy to help you understand your inheritance in Christ.
- Discuss the beauty in the progressive steps of our redemption as revealed in the following verses:
  - 1) Adoption as Sons. 4:5
  - 2) No longer slaves (now sons filled with Holy Spirit calling God Abba – Father). 4:6-7a
  - 3) An heir of God. 4:7
- How does this glorious liberation from the law by faith in Jesus Christ and the lavish inheritance that follows affect you: Heart? Mind? Purpose in life?
- How does our lavish inheritance in Christ answer the quintessential questions: **Who am I?**  
**Why am I here?**