

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: May 14, 2023
Galatians 3:23-4:7

1. What, according to verses 3:23-24, was our relationship with the law prior to coming to this faith? _____

 2. In what ways did the law keep us in custody?
 - a. It restricted what we could do.
 - b. It kept us in line when we were unable to responsibly make our own decisions or when we didn't even know the difference between right and wrong.
 - c. It's a metaphor! When we are children, we have a caregiver that is supposed to keep us safe (usually from ourselves) until we get to the age and maturity when we can make good decisions for ourselves (if that ever happens).
 3. What do verses 25-29 say we are now? _____
 4. What does it mean to have "clothed yourselves with Christ?"
 - a. It means that we put on clothes like Christ so that we look like him on the outside.
 - b. It means that we drape him over us so that when people look at us, we look better than we really are because he covers us.
 - c. It means that we put on His nature and we are now identified with Him instead of our old way of life.
 - d. It means that we are now more identified with him than our education, our profession, our culture or ethnic background, or anything else.
 5. In what ways, according to verses 4:1-3, is an underage child like a slave?
 - a. Our guardians place restrictions on us, usually for our own good.
 - b. The inheritance does not belong to us.
 - c. We are poor and we have very little say in what happens.
 6. What allowed us to become "sons" and heirs, according to verses 4:4-5?
 - a. God sent his Son.
 - b. The Son became our redemption.
 - c. By faith, we were adopted.
 7. What did God do, according to verse 4:6, when we became "sons" who were fully of age?

 8. What does the Spirit do, according to 4:6-7? _____
 - a. Well, according verse 6, it cries out within us "Abba, Father."
 - b. It longs for the Father and his will and his plan.
 - c. It changes something inside of us...even our will!
 9. When we did the right things before, under the guardian, why did we do it? _____

- Why do sons (and daughters) and heirs do what is right? _____
Which are you? _____