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GALATIANS SS5

### **We continue our series in Galatians.**

We have got to Chapter 3 and this week we learn that we have been **freed from the Law** and **adopted by the Father** as his children.

We are all familiar with food labels are we not?

**All properly labelled food has an EXPIRY DATE clearly stamped on it somewhere.**

-Would you drink milk that is a month old?

-Would you eat meat a fortnight past its Expiry Date?

-Would you make scrambled eggs from eggs that are 6 months old?

Why not?

BECAUSE it would do you harm and you would very likely get ill.

**It is NOT SAFE to do so.**

Galatians 3 v24 says, "*The Law was our guardian UNTIL Christ came ...*"

We should read the word "Until" like we would read an Expiry Date on food.

The Law was good for a time but it is foolish and dangerous NOW to go back and use the Law because Christ has come and fulfilled the Law.

Paul is saying just as it is dangerous to eat out-of-date-food it is likewise spiritually dangerous, poisonous, to go back to an out-of-date Law.

We are AD, not BC. We are justified by Christ, not by works of the Law.

Have you watched the 1964 film 'Mary Poppins'?

**Well, the Law is a bit like JULIE ANDREWS!** (*There's a statement!*)

Julie Andrews was the Nanny in *Mary Poppins* looking after the Bank's children. She was a Nanny and not the parent and she could not expect to be employed for ever. She did look after, help, direct and educate the children when they were young but eventually the children go off to fly their kites with their Father and without her.

And when they do this a dewy-eyes Julie Andrews declares "***this is how it should be***".

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There comes a time when children no longer need a nanny or guardian.

**And spiritually that time is when we come TO FAITH.**

*3v26 says, "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith"*

*4v4 says, "When the time set had fully come God sent his Son (born under the Law to redeem those under the Law) that we might receive adoption to sonship"*

*4v7 says, "Since you are his child, God has also made you an heir"*

**Let's be very clear.** The Bible does NOT teach that EVERYONE is 'a child of God'. The Bible teaches that all those who have faith in Christ are children of God.

We become children of God by adoption and the Deed of Adoption is faith, not birth. It is by faith that we are blessed.

And part of that blessing is that we become ONE FAMILY in which all human distinctions are done away with.

*3v28 says, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, Slave nor free, nor is there male or female FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE in Christ Jesus"*

Race, Social Status, Gender, **make NO difference to God.**

A Gentile does NOT have to become a Jew to obtain salvation.

A slave is of equal value to a freeman.

A woman of equal value to a man.

**NONE are second class.**

**ALL are EQUAL** in the sight of God and ALL are saved by faith.

What does this mean for us today?

IT MEANS that we must not make Believer feel like they are second-class.

-The gay Christian.

-The lesbian Christian.

-The refugee or immigrant Christian.

St Paul is very clear:

If faith has made us a Child of God then race, social status, or gender

**make NO difference to God.**

*"YOU ARE ALL ONE in Christ Jesus."*