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Part 11: Gospel Temptation

Galatians 5:1 (ESV)-For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

REVIEW

Gospel Freedom: Freedom is only found in the finished work of Jesus.

Gospel Distortion: The gospel has a tendency to be confused. **Gospel Testimony:** The gospel transforms hearts and lives!

Gospel Defense: The gospel must be kept clear. Gospel Equality: The gospel is for all people.

Gospel Clarification: Justification is in Christ alone.
Gospel Questions: Sanctification is in Christ alone.
Gospel Faith: The law does not save, only faith.

Gospel Promise: The law reveals, restrains, and re-directs. Gospel Relationship: There is a new relationship with God.

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From Slave To Son...

1. THE TRANSFORMATION

A. Is God's Desire

Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV)-But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that <u>we might receive adoption as</u> sons.

I Timothy 2:4 (ESV)-who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

God does not tolerate us but loves us.

B. Is God's <u>Doing</u>

Galatians 4:6 (ESV)- And because you are sons, <u>God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts</u>, crying, "Abba! Father!"

It is not we found God, but rather God found us.

C. Is God's <u>Design</u>

Galatians 4:6-7 (ESV)- And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

This relationship has both intimacy and authority.

2. THE TEMPTATION

Galatians 4:8-9 (ESV)- Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods...how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? You observe days and months and seasons and years!

We have a natural tendency to prefer control over trust.

3. THE TESTIMONY

Galatians 4:12 (ESV)-Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are...

There is not freedom in religion, but only in relationship.

Here is The Point: Freedom is found in relationship, not rituals!