



**WEIGHT of the WORLD #10**  
**When the Fatherless Find Home**  
Galatians 4:3-9  
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*27 Pure & undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans & widows in their distress, & to keep oneself unstained by the world*  
**-James 1:27**

- Scripture repeatedly warns Israel & pronounces judgment because...
  - They rejected justice for society's weakest and most vulnerable
  - They embraced pagan practices that celebrated sin and defied God
- James reminds believers to expect that the life lived by faith in Christ...
  - Will produce a concern & care for the vulnerable of the world
  - Will produce a devotion & holiness that rejects personal sin
  - Not as a requirement of law but as a response of faith
    - We are being changed to show the mercy we have been shown
    - Children (whether they have parents or not) are in distress
    - Pray, Volunteer, Foster, Adopt, Support... as an act of faith
    - Not because of law, but because He rescued us in our distress

**Galatians 4:3-9: We Are No Longer Fatherless By the Grace of God**

We were Imprisoned in Death, but now we are Invited to Life (v. 3-5)

*3 So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

- Infants in bondage to the elementary principles of this world
  - In distress without the means of deliverance
  - Laws: Reaping & Sowing, Sin & Death, The Fall & Flailing to Rise
- Rescued by redemption at just the right time in just the right way
  - God sent forth His Son: born of woman, born under the law
    - The promise fulfilled to crush the serpents head for freedom
    - The law fulfilled to provide righteousness we can't produce
  - That we might receive the adoption as sons

Receivers are Given an Eternal Identity & Inheritance (v. 6-7)

*6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.*

- An Eternal, Unshakeable Identity as Sons
  - Because You Are Sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son
    - As a seal, guaranteeing inheritance
    - The Spirit of Christ in Your Heart
    - The Benefit of the Spirit's groan of "Abba! Father!"
- An Incorruptible Inheritance through God
  - By His instrumentality, not my own.

As Sons of God, Live by the truth don't long for the traumatic (v. 8-9)  
*8 However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?*

- When the Fatherless Find Home They can Struggle to Assimilate
  - The lords of our past oppressed and did not care for us
    - their lies distorted our identity & their inheritance was death
    - the religion they offered was weak and destitute
    - the pattern of that trauma can no longer be conformed to
- You have come to be known by God
  - What does it mean to be known by the All-knowing?
    - I struggle to know the Truth of my identity & inheritance
    - I am still known as His when I cannot fathom it