



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

Galatians Study #8: Not Slaves But Sons (Galatians 4:1-11)

Read Galatians 4:1-11

1. Paul says that before Christ, everyone was enslaved to the elementary principles of the world, that is the fundamental laws that govern human behavior.
 - a. What did this look like for the Jews? (See v3-5, also 3:23-24)
 - b. What did this look like for the gentile Galatians? (See v8)
 - c. Having turned to Christ from pagan idolatry, the Galatians are now starting to observe the Jewish law. In what sense is this “turning back” (v9)?
 - d. Why is Paul afraid for them?

Read verses 4-7 again

2. Who did God send and to what purposes?
3. Reflect on how these verses reveal the triune God working on our behalf.
4. ***Our relationship with the holy, almighty God is now closely personal - we can call him “Abba, Father”. How does this make you feel? How will this shape your prayers?***