



Sundays in April & May, 10:30am
Olathe South High School

7 ways that God desires
for everyone to grow



*"We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way
more and more like Christ." Ephesians 4:15*

**Seen to Unseen
Me to You**



How have you seen God at work this week?

Has God moved you to care for someone at church, the person on the side of the road, or an enemy?

Slave to Child

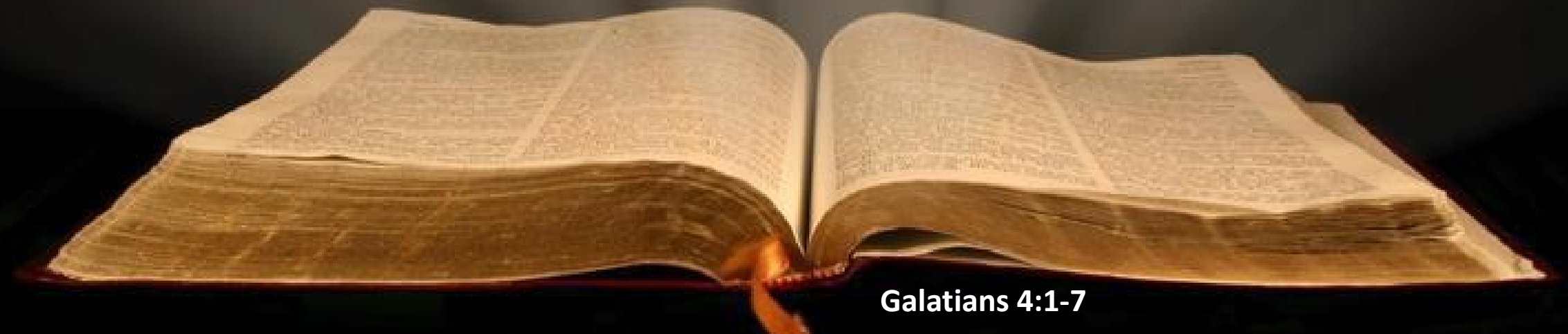




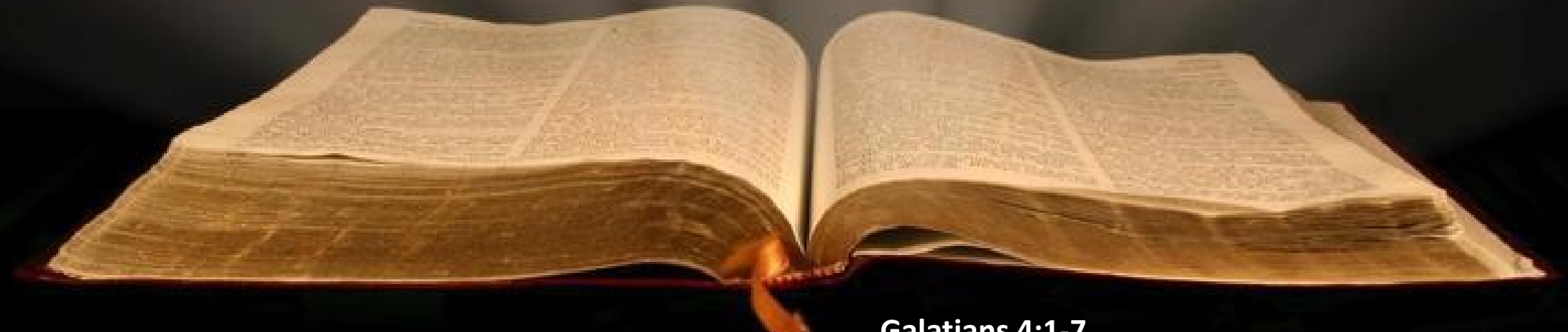
Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. 2 They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set.

And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children



And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.” Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.



Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.



So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.



And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.



Romans 8:12-17



Slave to the law

“Those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had.”

(Galatians 4:1)




Slave to the sinful nature

“And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t. I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don’t want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong.” (Romans 7:18-21)

Slave to Child

Receive your freedom



“God sent him (Jesus) to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law.” (Gal. 4:5)

Slave to Child

Discover Spirit-living



“God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our heart.” (Gal. 4:6)

Slave to Child


3. Deal a fatal blow
to our sinful nature

“If through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.” (Rom. 8:15)



Slave to Child

Embrace our childhood



“God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.” (Gal. 4:6)

Slave to Child

Live our inheritance



“Since you are his child, God has made you his heir.” (Gal. 4:7)

May you live in the freedom Jesus bought for you.

May the Spirit put the Father's desires in your heart.

May you have the sweet assurance that you are a child of God.

May you have intimate conversation all week long with your "Abba Father."