

“Not I, But Christ: A Return to the Truth”
Galatians 4:1-11; II Corinthians 11:3

Redemption: The Central Act of Human History – Ga 4:4-5

- God Himself redeems us – Ga 4:5
 - ... purchases us out of bondage for the gift of freedom – I Pet 1:18-19
- We receive and celebrate the saving life of Christ – Mk 10:45
 - ... setting us free to function as God intended: by His Indwelling Life – Col 1:27; Ga 2:20

As a Result, We Become the Children of God – Ga 4:6-7

- Before redemption, we were...
 - ... minors: without rights, access – Ga 4:1-3
 - ... slaves: without wealth, standing – Ga 4:7-8
- But God rectified us
 - ... an old life ended, a new life began – II Cor 5:17; I Jo 3:1; Ga 4:6-7
 - ... all based on our receptivity of God’s activity – Eph 2:5

The Anti-dote to Regressing – Ga 4:9-11

- Return to the Truth of the Gospel! – Ga 2:5,14
 - ... Come back to your sonship/daughterhood – Jo 1:12; Ga 3:26
 - = Where “Abba, Father” is the center – Ga 4:6; Ro 8:15
 - = Where God fully knows you... and fully loves you – Ga 4:9; Heb 4:13
 - ... Come back to being loved into being – I Jo 4:19; II Cor 5:14; I Cor 13:8
 - = We were not created in the image of law, but of love – Gen 1:26; I Jo 4:8
 - = We can, therefore, only be loved into being – Jo 3:16
 - ... Come back to drawing all you need from your full inheritance now – Ro 8:16-17
 - = “It is no longer just I, but Christ Who _____” – Ga 2:20
 - ... Come back to your freedom/liberty in Christ – Ga 5:1
 - = We may live according to the nature of the One living in us – II Pet 1:3,4