

# The Freedom of Being a Child of God

## Jesus unifies us as His children.

Read [Galatians 3:26-39](#).

- Unified doesn't mean uniform. We are each unique but unified in Christ.
- It's your faith that matters, not your gender, race, abilities, or social standing.
- As a Christ-follower you have assurance of an eternal home with Jesus.

## Jesus frees us from slavery.

Read [Galatians 4:1-7](#).

- Christ-followers are not in bondage to elements of the world.
- Legalism (Jesus plus something) leads to a life of fear, anxiety, and hopelessness.
- When you accept Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside you.
  - Your **condition** is that of a spiritual baby who needs to grow, [1Pet 2:2-3](#).
  - Your **position** is that of an adult child who can exercise the privileges of an heir.

Spiritual Baby condition	Adult Child position
by regeneration	by adoption
entering the family	enjoying the family
under guardians	the liberty of an adult
cannot inherit	an heir of the Father

## As an heir, you have access to many of God's riches.

- His grace, [Eph 1:7](#), [Eph 2:7](#)
- His glory, [Php 4:19](#)
- His goodness, [Rom 2:4](#)
- His wisdom and knowledge, [Rom 11:33](#)

## The Freedom of Being a Child of God: Self-Assessment

To what degree do the following statements describe you?	1=not at all like me; 5=totally like me
I am thankful to be free from the bondage of legalism.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I have made Jesus the Lord of my life.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I am enjoying the spiritual riches He provides me as His child.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

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