# 2023-2024 Fall Quarter Unit II: Faith Triumphs, Law Fails

#### Heir of God

Bible Background: Galatians 3:19-4:7 Printed Text: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-7 KJV/NIV Devotional Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, thank You for adopting us as Your children. We are thankful for Your extension of love through Your Son, Jesus. We are also grateful for Your grace and mercy; we would be lost without it. Help us as we continue to grow into the maturity level that is pleasing in Your sight. We desire that Your purposes may be accomplished in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

# **Unifying Lesson Principle:**

- 1. Young people look forward to growing up and making decisions without having to ask their parents' permission. *What guides us in making responsible choices?* In the book of Galatians, Paul describes the Law as a disciplinarian (or parent), saying that now, on account of Christ, we are released from the Law to become children of God. (1 Corinthians 10:1-15)
  - a. Acknowledge that salvation is a gift from God by grace through His Son Jesus Christ. Realize that God adopted us through Christ and freed us from the bondage of sin. (Romans 8:12-17)

## **Lesson Objectives:**

- 1. Investigate the implications of the freedom that Jesus brings.
- 2. Marvel at the inheritance that God gives to His children.
- 3. Model free and faithful living as God's people.

## Devotional Reading: Monday: A Promise to Abraham's Offspring – Genesis 12:1-9; Sat: Hebrews 11:8-19

Am I allowing my security/comfort to make me miss God's call? What were the two (2) primary reasons Abram built an altar? For God's people, what does the altar represent (Galatians 3:16-20)?

## Exposition and Application of the Scripture: - Heir of God - Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-7

#### A. Preparatory Dispensation (vv. 3:23-35)

• What was instrumental in revealing that a Savior was needed (**Ephesians 2:1-10**)? What's the foundation of every Christian (**Hebrews 11:1-6**)? How well did the schoolmaster prepare you for life's lessons?

# B. One in Christ (vv. 3:26-28)

• Since Jesus Christ doesn't discriminate, then why do we, if we proclaim to be His followers? Are we following the commission that Christ left us (Matthew 28:19-20)? What four (4) things are associated with a spiritual/physical baptism? How has Jesus' made us equal (Romans 6:1-7)?

### C. The Law Defies the Promise (vv. 3:29-4:1-3)

• Did God's promise to Abram have restrictions? Am I acting like a pre-Christ child because I lack faith, the Word of God or both? Is my post-Christ life reflective of Him or am I habitually going through the motions (Romans 6:8-14)?

#### D. Sons and Heirs (vv. 4:4-7)

■ How has God made us His heirs (John 1:10-14; Colossians 1:9-14)? How does the seal of our adoption get tested? Am I allowing the Law to hinder God's grace in my life and the life of others (Tue: 1 Peter 1:3-12)?

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