## **Growing up**

Galatians 3:19 - 4:9

The purpose of the law Romans 3:20; Romans 4:15; Galatians 3:19-26

Relationships resulting from the promise

Galatians 3:26-29; 1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 3:18-19; Galatians 4:1-5

The full rights of sonship Galatians 4:6-9

**Application** 

#### Considerations for the week

**Law.** Describe the purpose of civil law. Draw analogies (if any) to the law given in the Bible.

*Imprisoned, v. 3:21-22.* How is being without faith like being a prisoner? Why is life according to law ineffective in producing righteousness?

*Guardian, v. 24.* Explain how the law served as guardian before faith was revealed.

**No guardian, v. 25-26.** Ponder and reflect upon the removal of the need for a guardian, and what this means for us.

**Promise.** Our relationship with God and current expectation of future good are based on God's promise, not on how well we keep the law of Moses. What difference does this make?

*Union, v. 27-29.* Consider how being baptized into (united with) Christ affects our relationship to God and other believers – past, present, and future.

**Knowing v. known, v. 4:9.** Ponder the significance of "knowing God" and "being known by God". Give examples distinguishing these.

Choose now to accept and learn to live more fully in relationship with God as your Abba.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Galatians 4:6-7, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

Hebrews 13:16

Revelation 1:5-6

## **Prayer today**

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at <a href="mailto:prayer@rtbchurch.org">prayer@rtbchurch.org</a> to let us know how we may pray for you.

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### Today's order of service

Prelude, Morning Has Broken

Call to Worship

Baby dedication

Hymn, Everyday

Hymn, Purified

Hymn, As for Me and My House

Offertory

Reading

Hymn, By Faith

Message

Hymn of response 375, Jesus Calls Us

Benediction

Postlude, When Morning Gilds the Skies

# **Weekly events**

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm pre-registration required

Wednesday

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm – Menu: beef taco salad, salad, fruit, cheesecake
Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm
Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm
Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm
Will resume in the fall:
BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun
Kids' Music Class

Joy Program: conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, handbells — will resume Thursdays in the fall

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am. Meets next week, August 23.

Sunday morning
Adult Bible study, 9:30 am
Worship, 10:45 am
Children's Church at sermon time

#### The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

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**Templegram** Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.

**Church Conference** There will be a regular church conference held in person at the church on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 12:45 pm. Please contact the church office for information.