

*“By the grace of God we must determine to remember what we once were and never return to it; to remember what God has made us and to conform our lives to it.” (John Stott)*

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.”

(Col 2:6-8)

# 1-Our Past—Slaves Under the Law (1-3)

- Illustration—an underage heir is little different than a slave
- Application—before Christ, we were slaves under the basic principles of the world

## 2-Our Present—Full Sons in Christ (4-7)

- God sent His Son...to give us the status of sonship
  - Born of a woman—became a human being
  - Born under the law—shared our condition
  - To redeem us from under the law
  - To adopt us as sons
- God sent His Spirit...to give us the experience of sonship