

The Greatest Adoption
Galatians 4

Galatians 4:4-7 (ESV)

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 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.

I. God's Promise to His Children

Verse 4 - "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son."

"I'll send you a Savior"

II. God's Purpose for His Children

Verse 5 - "...to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

"I will redeem you and make you mine."

Titus 2:13-14 (NIV)

Jesus Christ . . . gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

III. God's Position for His Children

"Everything I have is Yours."

- Every Child is an "Appointed" Child

Galatians 3:26 - "for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith."

- Every Child is an "Adopted" Child

Verse 5 – "...so that we might receive adoption as sons."

Romans 8:15-17 (ESV)

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ."

IV. God's Presence In His Children

Verse 6 – "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts."

"I will never leave you or forsake You"

V. God's Persuasion for His Children

Verse 9 – "But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?"

"Why would you go back to your old life?"

Deuteronomy 15:15 (ESV)

"You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you."