

DECEMBER 9, 2018 (AM)
SERMON OUTLINE & NOTES

The Gift of Family
Galatians 3:26-4:7

We are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone
God's pleasure in us is not based on our performance for Him,
It is based on Christ's performance for us

Galatians 2:19-20

Justification: The gracious act of God by which He declares a sinner righteous solely through faith in Jesus Christ.

This leads us to be right before God the judge

Adoption: Justification is not the end of the Gospel.

Having come to God through faith in Christ we receive privilege and responsibility. We are free to courageously, and cautiously, live as God's sons...

We are loved by God the Father!

We have been adopted by God the Father

Galatians 3:28

God sent His son so that we might receive the position of sons
Galatians 4:4-5

"adoption" to place someone as an adult son

What is required for adoption?

- Someone who comes at the right time **verse 4**

- When God sent His Son, it was the right time theologically (Christmas didn't just simply happen...)
- When God sent His Son, it was the right time religiously
- When God sent His Son, it was the right time culturally
- When God sent His Son, it was the right time politically

- Someone who possesses the right qualifications

- Jesus is fully divine
- Jesus is fully human

Philippians 2:7 He emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

- Jesus is fully righteous

- Someone who has the right resolve (purposeful) **verse 5**

- Jesus determined to redeem us

Ephesians 1:3-5 Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him. ⁵ He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Romans 5:8 But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- Jesus died to rescue us

God sent His Spirit so that we might experience the privileges of sonship

- We live with a new identity before God

- We are baptized into Christ **Galatians 3:27**
- We are clothed with Christ
- We are united in Christ **Galatians 3:28**
- We Belong to Christ **Galatians 3:29**

- We enjoy intimacy with God **Galatians 4:6**

- We were once held captive by God's law **Galatians 4:3**
- We are now captivated by His love

- We are guaranteed an inheritance from God

- We have an eternal Father
- We have an eternal family

Hebrews 2:11 "we are brothers with Christ"

Romans 8:17 "we are coheirs with Christ"

- We have an eternal home

God has sent His Son into the world that we might receive the position of sons.

When we trust in Christ for salvation, God takes us into His home as heirs, and nobody is taking us away!!!