

Adoption and the Gospel
Galatians 3:26-4:7

3²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. **4** What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ² The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³ So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir.

Why every Christian needs to understand the connection between adoption and the gospel:

- Adoption mirrors the Gospel.
- Adoption values life.
- Adoption is the goal of redemption.

To be clear: God's purpose was to both redeem and adopt. This is more than salvation from the penalty of sin. This is adoption into God's family and living as a child of the King.

In the Old Testament, the people of God might have seen God as the _____.

In the New Testament, the people of God need to see God as _____.

The highest privilege that the gospel offers is _____.

A picture of "sonship" is the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-24