



# GALATIANS

**Receive the Adoption**

4:1-7

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**Galatians 3:13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”—**14** in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.



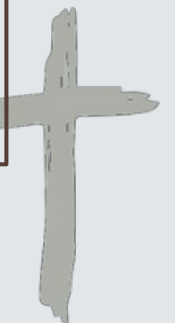
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**Galatians 4:1** Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, **2** but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.

- Paul pictures a child who is also an heir.
- Before the child reaches the age of maturity, the father has guardians and managers to oversee the child and the inheritance.



**Galatians 4:3** So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. **4** But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, **5** so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might **receive the adoption** as sons.

- The law was for the child phase and the inheritance phase was kicked off by God sending His Son who would redeem those under the law who received their adoption as sons releasing them from their bondage.
- Jesus performed the final act of redemption!



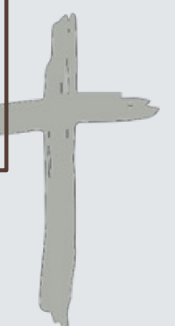
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- God gives His Spirit to those who are His.
- The term *abba* highlighted both personal relationship and respectful reverence.



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## **Heir:**

one who received property from an ancestor

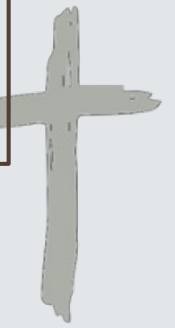
Kingdom Heir: **one who receives life with The King, along with kingdom privileges & kingdom responsibilities from The King.**





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1. Jesus lived sinlessly, keeping the law on our behalf. (Tripp)
2. Jesus laid down His life as a penalty for sin, so that we can be fully forgiven.
3. **Jesus adopts us into His family,** giving us all the rights and privileges of His children.





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4. **Jesus enables us by His grace** to do what is right.
5. Jesus places us in the body of Christ where we can learn and grow.
6. Jesus makes us the objects of His eternal, redemptive love. (Tripp)





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**Psalm 25:11**

**For Your name's sake, O Lord,  
Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.**





## PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. **Abide in Christ...**Treasure the intimate relationship and keep moving toward the One who keeps moving toward you.  
(Personal Relationship)
2. **Surrender & Worship...**Keep on repenting & keep on trusting. (Respectful Reverence)
3. **Speak the Truth in Love...**Give meaningful gospel-based help to others & others.

