

Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

Chapter 4

Verse 5

- A. Christ was made under the law that He might redeem us from the bondage and condemnation of the law.
- B. He was placed under the tutelage of the law, but unlike us, He was **obedient** in all things. Romans 5:19
- C. When Christ died on the cross, He bore the **curse** of the law that you and I deserve. Romans 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:10; Galatians 1:4
 - All who place their faith in Christ are set **free** (redeemed) from the curse, bondage, slavery, and death sentence of the law. Romans 7:6
- D. The good news doesn't end there. Christ's redemption from the slavery of the law clears the way for us to receive the **adoption** of sons.
- E. What does the Christian's adoption into the family of God mean?
 - We gain **entrance** into the family by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:26
 - But the Christian is given the **position** of a full grown, adult son in the family of God. We are not under the tutelage of the law, but we are viewed as adult sons within the family.

Verse 6

- A. As adult sons, we deal **directly** with the Father.
- B. Abba is a title of affection, intimacy, and tenderness. **Jesus** is the only One who used this title. Mark 14:36
- C. We do not have to go through another person to **fellowship** with God.
- D. We have been made full grown, **adult** sons in the family of God.

Verse 7

- A. We no longer take orders and serve under the **slavery** of the law.
- B. By virtue of our adoption, we are now full grown sons in God's family.

- C. You may be asking, “But, I thought a new Christian was a babe in Christ. Don’t you have to keep growing until one day God considers you a full grown son?”
- No – when you are saved, the Spirit of Christ enters into you and you are placed into the family of God as an adult son, therefore you have the privileges and **blessings** of a son. You don’t **attain** this position; it is where you **start**!
- D. But we must distinguish between condition and position.
- When we are saved, our **condition** is one of a babe in Christ. Spiritual growth is very much needed. Ephesians 4:14-15; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18
 - But our **position** in the family is one of an adult son who has complete access to the Father and can exercise all the wonderful privileges of sonship.
- E. Praise the Lord, there is no **waiting** period to begin enjoying the riches of His grace and enjoying unhindered fellowship with the Father.
- F. I **am** (present tense) an heir of God through Christ!