

The One True Gospel

Galatians 3:27-4:7

Adopted Sons and Daughters of God

Clothed with Christ: Galatians 3:27-29 (CSB)

²⁷For those of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. ²⁸There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; since you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the promise.

What does it mean to be clothed with Christ?

1. Belong to Christ.

- Galatians 2:20 (CSB): *I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

2. Bondservant of Christ:

- Romans 1:1 (CSB): *Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—*
- 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (CSB): *A person should think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and managers of the mysteries of God. ²In this regard, it is required that managers be found faithful.*
- Galatians 1:10 (CSB): *For am I now trying to persuade people, or God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.*
- Philippians 1:1-2 (CSB): *Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus: To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons.*

Slave Bible Verses

- John 8:34 (CSB): *Jesus responded, "Truly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.*
- Romans 6:6-7 (CSB): *⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, ⁷since a person who has died is freed from sin.*
- Romans 6:16-18 (CSB): *Don't you know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of that one you obey—either of sin leading to death or of obedience leading to righteousness? ¹⁷But thank God that, although you used to be slaves of sin, you obeyed from the heart that pattern of teaching to which you were handed over, ¹⁸and having been set free from sin, you became enslaved to righteousness.*

Come to Christ...live for Christ = clothed with Christ. He is your all in all. Romans 11:36.

Discussion Questions:

- ❖ What does it mean to be clothed in Christ?
- ❖ Read Galatians 2:20. What does it mean "I live by faith in the Son of God"?
- ❖ How should Romans 11:36 impact our world view?

Adoption as Sons: Galatians 4:1-7 (CSB)

Now I say that as long as the heir is a child, he differs in no way from a slave, though he is the owner of everything. ²Instead, he is under guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were in slavery under the elements of the world. ⁴When the time came to completion, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba, Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then God has made you an heir.

Why do we need to be adopted?

- **We are but dust.**

- Genesis 1:7 (CSB): *Then the Lord God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.*
- Psalm 103:14 (CSB): *For he knows what we are made of, remembering that we are dust.*
- Ecclesiastes 3:20 (CSB): *All are going to the same place; all come from dust, and all return to dust.*

How does adoption change us?

- **We become separate from the world.**

- 2 Corinthians 6:18 (CSB): *¹⁶And what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God, as God said: **I will dwell and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.** ¹⁷Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord; do not touch any unclean thing, and I will welcome you. ¹⁸And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.*

- **We become children of God.**

- John 1:10-13 (CSB): *¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, ¹³who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.*

- **We become led by God’s Spirit.**

- Romans 8:14-17 (CSB): *¹⁴For all those led by God’s Spirit are God’s sons. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God’s children, ¹⁷and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.*

Discussion Questions:

- ❖ Why do we need to be adopted into God’s family?
- ❖ Why does adoption cause us to become separate from the world?
- ❖ Why does adoption cause us to become children of God?
- ❖ Why does adoption cause us to become led by God’s Spirit?