

Set Free by Adoption

Set Free #5 – Pastor Gary Combs – October 15, 2017 – Galatians 3:26-4:7

Galatians 3:26-4:7 (ESV) ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. ^{4:1} I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

How our spiritual adoption in Christ sets us free:

1. We have a _____ in Christ.

John 1:12 (KJV) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the **sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name

Colossians 3:1-11 (NLT) Since you have been raised to **new life** with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your **real life** is hidden with Christ in God... for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. **Put on your new nature**, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. In this **new life**, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

2. We have a _____ in Christ.

Romans 4:13-16 (ESV) For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be **heir** of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the **heirs**, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath... That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring...

1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an **inheritance** that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Romans 8:17 (NIV) Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and **co-heirs** with Christ,

3. We have a _____ in Christ.

Romans 8:15 (ESV) For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT) God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.