It is Finished – Gal. 4:6

*Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba! Father!*

Do you know who is a child of God?

Are all people children of God?

What does it take to become a child of God?

Have you ever thought that those who are not Christians are not children of God?

**Focal Truth: Believing sinners become adopted children of God by the death of Jesus Christ**

**Observations**

1. **The sadness of the unadopted sinner – 4:3**

*so also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world*

1. Those who are not children of God are held in bondage
2. Those who are not children of God live in bondage to worldly values & thinking
3. Those who are not children of God live under the wrath of God

Eph. 2:3 – we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh, and of the mind and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest

1. Col.2:8 – see that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceptions, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world
2. Those who are not children of God are separated and hostile to God – Col.1:21
3. Accursed children – 2 Pet.2:14

Oh, the sadness the hopelessness of living as a child of wrath rather than a child of God

1. **God’s process of adopting unadopted sinners – 4:4 – 5**

*When the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that*

*He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons*

1. God sent His only Son to redeem sinners from their sin – The cross is the price of adoption
2. God adopts children of wrath by the death of Christ – “**He might redeem**”
3. Accused sinners are adopted as children of God by Christ’s death on the cross - “**we might receive adoption**”
4. Gal. 3:26 – you are all sons of God by faith in Jesus Christ

God in His grace sent His Son to redeem and adopt those sinners who will believe in Him

1. **The happiness of adopted believing sinners – 4:6 -7**

*Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba! Father!*

*Therefore, you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God*

1. Adopted children of God are given God’s name – children of God – “because you are sons”
2. Rom. 8:15 – for you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, Abba! Father!
3. Abba = Aramaic – Father = word of intimacy – Daddy is our word – no fear, no worry
4. Lord Jesus spoke to God the Father as Abba Father! – Mk.14:36 – Abba Father, all things are possible for you, remove this cup from Me, yet not what I will, but what you will
5. Adopted children of God receive the Spirit of God which brings them into relationship with God – “crying Abba! Father!
6. Rom. 5:5 – love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us
7. Adopted children of God live in freedom as children of God – “you are no longer a slave, but a son”
8. Adopted children of God receive an inheritance as children of God – “if a son, then an heir through God”

Believing sinners are no longer slaves to the world & sin now they are children of God forever!

**Things to Remember**

1. God adopts the hopeless, unadoptable sinner who believes in Jesus Christ
2. What grace that God who had a beloved son would adopt more children!
3. It cost God the death of His only Son to adopt those who will believe
4. Assurance & confidence fill the heart of the adopted of God
5. Believer’s in Christ are now God’s adopted children forever!

**Daily Use**

1. Recognize your condition in sin without salvation, you are not a child of God
2. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to receive adoption to become a child of God
3. Glorify God through the Lord Jesus Christ for your adoption by His death on the cross!

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**The old hymn reads** – O what a blessing, how can I express it? Out of the fullness of rapture I sing, Now, by the Father received and adopted, I am a child and an heir of a king. I am adopted, O wonderful love, Heir to a heritage, purchased above, tell it, my soul and joyfully sin, I am a child and an heir of a king