





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Grace is free, unmerited favor of God, working on our mind and heart to change lives.

HEAD CHANGE: We are too sinful to contribute to our salvation.

HEART CHANGE: We are saved by belief in Jesus' work plus nothing else.

LIFE CHANGE: We do not live God's way to become His children, but out of gratitude that we are already God's children.

OVERVIEW

How the Gospel Builds a Healthy Multi-Ethnic Family

By the time we get to the fourth chapter of Galatians, we've reached the climax of everything that Paul has said so far. In fact, we have reached the climax of the Gospel. Sinclair Ferguson wrote, "The notion that we are the children of God, His own sons and daughters, is the mainspring of Christian living. Our sonship to God is the apex of creation and the goal of redemption." If we want to understand who a Christian is, and why being a Christian is a privilege, we need to appreciate divine adoption.

"But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, 'Abba, Father.'"

-Galatians 4:4-6 (NLT)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated with you?
2. Why do you obey God's law? Do you ever obey it for the wrong reasons?
3. What barriers divide people in the area where you live? How are these broken down within the Church, and what do you do to help?
4. Is adoption something you experience as well as understand? How does understanding adoption change the way you relate with and desire God?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, we can't do any of this without You. Thank You for revealing the finished work of Jesus to us. May we live with a greater understanding of your grace and approval on our lives because of what Jesus has done. If there are any areas of my life that are captured by pride, reveal that to me now, I repent and ask for your humility to walk with you and obey you in response to your love and grace toward me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!