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**We Are Family**

Galatians 4:1-11

**Key Truth:** God’s adoption process guarantees His children a permanent family with freedom from bondage and redemption from condemnation.

1. The adoption process can be daunting but

 rewarding.

**Benefits of being adopted:**

1. We are considered free.

2. We are considered family.

3. We are considered heirs.

4. We can approach God in prayer.

5. We can go boldly before the throne of Grace.

6. We can worship Him.

2. God’s timing and plan is impeccable.

**God’s Desire for His Adopted Children:**

1. God wants us to make our relationship official.

2. God Desires us to relate to Him as Abba Father.

3. God desires us to know Him and be known by Him.

 (Philippians 3:10-11)

**Taking It Beyond The Wall**: Embrace being adopted into the family of God by recognizing that you are no longer defined by the world’s standards. Be free in Christ and live for His glory!

**Food For Thought**

What words or thoughts come to mind when you hear the word “adoption”?

How is the process of having a child biologically different from the process of adopting a child? How is it similar?

Compare and contrast Paul’s idea of a son and a slave.

What were the Galatians enslaved to? What principles of the world threaten to enslave you?

When was a time that you turned back to the things of the world? What drew you back into slavery?

When are you most tempted to neglect your relationship as a son and become a slave again to the world? How do you think our discussion today can help you combat that temptation?

How would you explain to a new believer the struggle of returning to slavery to the world?

How did Paul lead the Galatians towards being sons and not slaves? How can our church do the same thing for people who are tempted by the world?