

## **Developing a New You: Adopted**

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**Text:** Galatians 3:26-4:7; Ephesians 1:3-6

### **The Meaning and Place of Adoption**

- Justification secures our \_\_\_\_\_ before God.
- Adoption secures our \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- Adoption transforms our identity from enemy to \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Hope of Our Inheritance**

- Adoption removes the \_\_\_\_\_ to receiving an inheritance.
- Acceptance as an heir emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Holy Spirit Enables us to Cry Out "Abba, Father"**

## **Life Enrichment**

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What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- In the opener, Pastor Dave used the analogy of a governor pardoning and then adopting a serial killer. How does this analogy illustrate the significance of our justification and adoption into God's family?
- What responsibility does God take on by adopting His former enemies, making them family members and heirs?
- How does the transition from rebel and enemy to beloved child change the way we relate to God, to the rest of His family, and to the world?
- When speaking of our adoption into God's family, why do you think the Apostle Paul emphasizes inheritance so much (Gal 3:29; 4:2,7; Rom 8:17)?
- What is the inheritance that Paul speaks about? How can we imitate the saints in Hebrews 11 who never received the inheritance but lived by faith anyways (Heb 11:13)?
- How does the hope of an eternal inheritance shape the way we think, speak, act, and relate?
- What is the significance of the Spirit enabling us to call God our Father (Gal 4:6; Rom 8:15-17)?