

“OUT OF EGYPT: FROM SLAVERY TO SONSHIP”

“The Story of Redemption: No Longer a Slave!”

“Adopted: Understanding the Privilege of Our Sonship”
(Galatians 4:1-7)

INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW:

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN:

Phrase 1: “In the fullness of time...”

- Regardless of man’s opinion to the contrary, history is neither random nor arbitrary; it is neither the result of fate, accident nor coincident. Rather, it is guided by God’s purposes, governed by His providence, and going according to His plan.

Phrase 2: “...God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law...”

- He is the son of Abraham, the promised Son.
- He is the Son of David, the preeminent Son.
- He is the Son of God, the provided Son; the Preexistent, Perfect and Powerful Son, our only worthy Substitute.
 - The gospel of salvation — of man’s redemption and the atonement for sin — is God satisfying Himself by substituting Himself for us.
 - For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting Himself for man.

Phrase 3: “...in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law...”

The term ‘propitiation’... takes us into the temple.

- Someone else... satisfies the Father.

The term ‘redemption’... takes us into the marketplace.

- Someone else... pays the price.

The term ‘justification’... takes us into the courtroom.

- Someone else... clears our name.

The term ‘adoption’... takes us into the community.

- Someone else... brings us home.

TODAY: THE FINAL PHRASE:

“...that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

—Galatians 4:5b

“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.”

—Galatians 4:6, 7

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.”

—Ephesians 1:3-6

- The Father _____ our adoption as sons.
- The Son _____ our adoption as sons.
- The Spirit _____ our adoption as sons.

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law,... in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

—Galatians 3:13, 14

1A. THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN SO THAT WE MIGHT COME TO KNOW THE _____ INVOLVED IN OUR ADOPTION AS SONS.

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2A. THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN SO THAT WE MIGHT COME TO KNOW THE _____ INVOLVED IN OUR ADOPTION AS SONS.

“Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son...”

—Galatians 4:7a

3A. THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN SO THAT WE MIGHT COME TO KNOW THE _____ INVOLVED WITH OUR ADOPTION AS SONS.

“...and if a son, then an heir through God.”

—Galatians 4:7b

CONCLUSION:

“...the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.”

—Romans 8:19