

**THE GOSPEL OF ADOPTION**  
**What If the Church, Pt. 1**  
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Ephesians 5:25 “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” (NIV)

Galatians 4:4-7 “When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive **adoption** as sons. **6** And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” **7** So you are **no longer a slave**, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.” (ESV)

#### **4 Observations from Galatians**

##### **1. God is not ignoring your pain.**

Galatians 4:4 “When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son...” (ESV)

##### **2. While in our distress, Jesus reconciles us back to the Father.**

Galatians 4:4-5 “God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, **5** to **redeem** those who were under the law...” (ESV)

##### **3. All followers of Jesus have been adopted.**

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##### **4. As children, we are promised an inheritance.**

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