

I. The Inherent Freedom of Life in the Spirit

A. Work of Christ — Restoration of the Image of God

[Galatians 5:1](#) (ESV) **For freedom** Christ has **set us free**; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. **[slide 1]**

In every area where I am not free, the work of Christ has not completely conquered me. This requires FAITH and LOVE to conquer every fear.

B. Thorough, Complete, Fundamental

[Galatians 2:20](#) (ESV)

I have been **crucified with Christ**. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ who lives** in **me**.

And the **life I now live** in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Completely different.

II. By Faith —

A. Receive Holy Spirit and His Working

[Galatians 3:2–5](#) (ESV)

2 Let me ask you only this: Did you **receive the Spirit** by works of the law or **by hearing with faith**?

5 Does he who **supplies the Spirit** to you and **works miracles among you** do so **by** works of the law, or **by hearing with faith**—

B. Believing Sons of Abraham (6-9)

[Galatians 3:6](#)(ESV) just as **Abraham “believed God**, and it was **counted** to him as **righteousness**”?

⁷ Know then that it is **those of faith** who are the **sons of Abraham**.

A **shocking statement!** Adoption & Inherited Blessings
Abraham was JUSTIFIED as a Gentile.

[slide 2] ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would **justify the Gentiles by faith**, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”

⁹ So then, **those who are of faith** are **blessed** along **with Abraham**, the man of faith.

(For Galatians **GRACE - adopted, justified, and blessed out of FAITH**)

C. In Christ the Blessing and the Promise (14)

14 so that **in Christ** Jesus the **blessing of Abraham** might come to the Gentiles, so that we might **receive the promised Spirit through faith**.

All the Promises are Yes in Christ.

Holy Spirit pours FAITH that God keeps His promises onto and into us.

D. Adoption as Sons Contains Every Other Category (25-29)

[Galatians 3:26](#) (ESV) for **in Christ** Jesus you are **ALL sons of God**, through faith.

²⁷ For **as many** of you as were **baptized** into Christ have put on Christ.
(Clothed with Christ)

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for **you are all one** in Christ Jesus. **[slide 3]**

²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, **heirs** according to **promise**.

III. Slaves into Sons

A. Immaturity — no different than a slave

[Galatians 4:1-7](#)

1 I mean that **the heir**, as long as he is **a child**, (*Νήπιος*, properly “**one without understanding**,”) is **no different from a slave**, though he is the owner of everything (KJV **lord of all**),

B. Set by the Father

In the spring of 1999, the duke and duchess of Northumberland went to court to block their son from inheriting his fortune when he turned eighteen. Their son, the young Earl Percy, was only fourteen years old at the time, and his parents had his best interests in mind. One day the earl was to inherit a vast fortune, including Alnwick Castle, a one-million-pound inheritance, and almost half a million dollars in annual income. But his parents did not want him to inherit too much too soon. They were well aware that other British noblemen had squandered their fortunes on drugs and riotous living. So they set up a trust to manage the young earl’s fortune until his twenty-fifth birthday.

2 but he is **under guardians** and **managers** until **the date set by his father**.

Guardians would direct the child’s day. He was told when to wake up, when to go to school, what to wear, how to behave, and when to go to bed. .

Disciplinarian.

3 **In the same way** we also, when we were children, were **enslaved** to the elementary principles of the world.

To study the LAW is to learn the **alphabet** of God’s will. For the Gentiles, the forces of nature gods.

TIMING — everything was set up. Culture, language, spiritual confusion, Pax Romana, infrastructure

4 But 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**.

C. The God-Man

ORIGIN — *sent forth*— *deity*. existed before Bethlehem. Sonship is eternal. God the Son

MANNER — *born of woman — humanity*, Son of man. Incarnation...
Creator entered creation..

Westminster Shorter Catechism, “Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin”

Who is God that He would take our frame
The artisan inside the paint
Or breathe the very air His breath sustains
The architect inside the plan

The One who had *no start* and knows *no end*
Became *confined in time and tense*
The Everlasting God The Great I Am
In the mercy of a mother’s hands

The holy Word of God defined by name
The author climbed inside the page

Love embraced our fate
When the playwright took the stage

CONDITION — under the law

D. Redemption

REASON — to redeem from the curse of the law

E. Adoption

PURPOSE — that we MIGHT RECEIVE adoption as sons.

That slaves might become Sons

Will we put on the new robe? Take off the old? New identity.
New EXISTENCE

VI. Spirit of His Son —> Heirs

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.”**

A. Enter in --Head and Heart! (believe, trust with)

Enter into this blessed experience believing with all your heart and mind that **this is why He came in the flesh,—**

So that ALL of you may be to the full measure the adopted children of the Lord, **receiving and enjoying ALL the privileges which sonship secures to you, KNOWING that YOU ARE the heir of all your Father’s estates,**

DO NOT waste away in poverty, nor act like a beggar.

Let’s look upon everything our father possesses **as our own**; regard our father’s wealth as **making us rich**.

A SON does not feel that he is stealing if he **takes what his father has made or provided** [as] his own, but freely accesses it.

Let us **treat freely** the **promises** and **blessings** of their God.

Help yourselves to all that He has laid up in store for you

[Psalm 84:11](#) (ESV) For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. **No good thing does he withhold** from those who walk uprightly.

All things are yours: Use the hand of faith and take possession of them.

When you appropriate a promise of your Father’s, it is not stealing;

Take it **boldly**, and say, **“This is mine.”**

Your adoption into the family of God brings with it immense rights and enormous privileges; don’t be timid to claim them.

Paul writes to the Romans, The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ. we suffer with him that we may be glorified with him!

All creation is longing for the unveiling of the SONS of God!

VII. Life in the Spirit — Paul’s Gospel

A. Promise of the Father

A LIFE OF LOVE, SHALOM, and POWER

[Luke 24:49](#) And behold, I am sending ***the promise of my Father upon you.*** But **stay** in the city **until** you are ***clothed with power from on high.***

SUPERNATURAL LIFE — participating in the Promises of

B. Life in the Spirit — Living as Sons

[Galatians 5:1](#) For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

[Galatians 5:16](#) But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

[Romans 8:15](#) For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but ***you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,*** by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!””

KINGDOM OF GOD is LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

VII. Daily - Come, Drink, Fill

Breathe in the Breath of Christ — Drink the River that Makes Glad

Pour Love into My Heart

Guide into All the Truth

Reveal the Father & the Son — Spirit of Adoption

Adoption — Abba Father

Open the Eyes of my heart, that I might know

Convict, convince of sin, righteousness, and judgment

Liberate, Deliver

Sanctify — supernatural access, divine nature

Fill to overflowing (rivers to flow)

Clothe in Light, Fire, Wind, Oil,

Saturate

Empower

Speak to and through

Unpack the Gifts