

September Teaching Theme: What is the Gospel?

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题目 Topic: "Gospel Benefit: Adoption"

经文 Scripture: Galatians 3:23 - 4:5

Monthly Theme: This month's theme is "the Gospel" and its implications. **The Gospel of Jesus the Christ is a royal announcement that Jesus is King and his Upside-Down Kingdom will reign forever**, thus we must give our allegiance to King Jesus. Those who give their allegiance to King Jesus are given the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate - a downpayment of our inheritance in the Kingdom. **The Spirit applies *the benefits of the gospel* to those who respond with *allegiance*!**

This week we are going to talk about the ***Gospel benefit "Adoption."*** Those who have given their allegiance to King Jesus are now adopted into the Royal family of God and can call God their Father ("Abba").

Resources:

Bible Project Video: [The Gospel of the Kingdom](#) (English) (5:48)

Bible Project Video: [The Gospel of the Kingdom](#) (Chinese) (4:22)

If you have not watched this video yet as a group do so this week

[Pastor Will's PPT Slides](#)

[Pastor Will's Sermon Manuscript](#)

For the Memorization Tool: If you would like to do this in Quiz format feel free to use my Quizziz Game - <https://quizizz.com/admin/presentation/5f525d946e86cd001e481796>

Discussion Questions:

- (1) Read Galatians 3:23-4:5 together. What observations do you make and what stands out to you? How would you summarize the passage?
- (2) What does it mean to you to be "free from the curse of the law"? What does it look like to be "led by the Spirit"?
- (3) Being adopted into the royal family of God means you are part of a "barrier-breaking" family. What are some ways you can live out this "barrier-breaking" ethic in your everyday life?
- (4) What does it mean to you that we can call God "*Abba*" (Daddy)? What does this tell you about God's character? What does this tell you about yourself?
- (5) **Memorization Tool:** What is the Gospel? How do we respond to the Gospel? What do followers of Jesus look forward to? What is the Gospel benefit "Justification"? What is the Gospel benefit "Reconciliation"? What is the Gospel benefit "Ransom"? What is the Gospel benefit "Adoption"?

- (a) The Gospel of Jesus the Christ is a royal announcement that **Jesus is King** and his Upside-Down Kingdom will reign forever.
- (b) We are called to respond by giving our **allegiance** (inclusive of faith, loyalty, trust) to King Jesus.
- (c) Our hope is looking forward to Jesus return establishing the **New Heaven and New Earth**, where those who give King Jesus allegiance will reign with God forever.
- (d) The Gospel benefit “justification”: Those who give their allegiance to King Jesus are **declared not guilty** being freed from both the penalty of sin and the power of sin.
- (e) The Gospel benefit “reconciliation”: God through Jesus has **healed the fractured relationship between God and humanity**. From this place, we can seek reconciliation in our human relationships.
- (f) The Gospel benefit “ransom”: God through Jesus’ death on the cross has **bought you out of slavery to sin** and “the curse of the law” and now empowers you through the Holy Spirit to live as the “new humanity.”
- (g) The Gospel benefit “adoption”: Those who give their allegiance to King Jesus are now **adopted into the royal family of God** and can call God “Abba” (Daddy)

Sermon Summary (Elder Yin):

福音的益处（续）：成为神的儿女

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经文

“但这 因 信 得救的理 还未来以先，我们被看守在律法之下，直圈到那将来的真道显明出来。这样，律法是我们训蒙的师傅，引我们到基督那里，使我们因信称义。但这 因 信 得救的理 既然来到，我们从此就不在师傅的手下了。所以，你们因信基督耶稣都是 神的儿子。你们受洗归入基督的都是披戴基督了。并不分 犹太人、希腊人，自主的、为奴的，或男或女，因为你们在基督耶稣里都成为一了。你们既属乎基督，就是 亚伯拉罕 的后裔，是照着应许承受产业的了。”

“我说那承受产业的，虽然是全业的主人，但为孩童的时候却与奴仆毫无分别，乃在师傅和管家的手下，直等他父亲预定的时候来到。我们为孩童的时候，受管于世俗小学之下，也是如此。及至时候满足，神就差遣他的儿子，为女子所生，且生在律法以下，要把律法以下的人赎出来，叫我们得着儿子的名分。”

加拉太书 3:23-4:5

福音的益处：前几次讲的：因信称义，与神和好，十架赎罪，

今天再讲福音的好处：神的儿子。

效忠耶稣君王的有新的身份神的儿女，意思是如下。

一，作儿女能摆脱被律法捆绑而得自由

加拉太书的背景有很有非犹太民族的基督徒，犹太基督徒要遵守犹太律法才能成为神的儿女。这里保罗见此而气愤，福音宗旨是因信称意而不是遵守律法称□。神的计划是万民得救，而不是遵守犹太传统而称义。律法是神给犹太人的行为的法律，是在给亚伯拉罕应许的多年后。律法的原意是短暂。它有好有坏，坏的是暴露犹太人的罪，似乎把人圈在罪里。好处让你行善，符合神的旨意。耶稣如此行了，爱神爱人，在钉十架时进至圣所的幕一辟为二，打破了律法捆绑，使我们进入圣灵指引时代。我们不再被律法诅咒进了圣灵的自由

二，作儿女要破除阶级，地位，贫富，种族的区别

不分种族,性别,社会地位....., 所有信神的都在神眼中是平等的。

1, 从文化授权来打破文化障碍：

犹太和外邦人一样，文化的不同但在主里相同。我们现代人需要神的智慧来区别社会上的文化和圣经真理的不同。文化和基督的不同。make America great使美国再强大是美国的文化和基督真理没有关系。中国文化是很多孔孟之道，但和圣经真理没联系。基督大家庭是以基督为主而不是以文化为主。

笔者：如何来区别社会中的文化准则和圣经真理？我们的文化背景是否使我们在圣经中寻找支持我们文化观念的圣经章节继而真理化我们的选择？

2, 从社会授权来打破社会障碍：

奴隶和自由人。保罗说奴隶信主后是奴隶主的弟兄。当时这思想是很进步的，保罗的思想最终带来了废除奴隶制。现代社会也因保罗的思想而争取到更多的平等。但是美国黑人还是受到很多不公平的待遇，白人至上主义还是很猖狂的进行着。教会也应该走在前面，成为争取人人平等的先锋。

3, 从社会授权来打破性别障碍：当时女性被认为低等。至今还有虽然好了很多。神的本意是男女平等的。圣经中许多给教会的书信提到姐妹的领导地位，有执事，有老师，有使徒（Junia），有先知（亚拿）。见证耶稣死里复活是妇女们。在神旨意，男女平等。

作为基督徒我们有职责打破障碍，建立地上天堂。因信称义的都是儿女。

三，作儿女得以与神亲近。

得儿子的名份加4：4—5，“及至时候满足，神就差遣他的儿子，为女子所生，且生在律法以下，要把律法以下的人赎出来，叫我们得着儿子的名分。”

加拉太书 4:4-5

这里儿子并非指男比女重要，而是当时背景中长子继承父业。我们信主的弟兄姐妹们既成神的儿女就该继承神的家业，我们要象神，如：使人和睦的被称为神的儿子。圣经中说的信神后被神收养，代表责任和特权。责任就是要行出神的样子，为神工作。儿子名份代表和神亲近，称神为阿爸父，有特别的关系，我们如何和神建立这亲密关系，通过读经祷告，和祂交通，圣灵内住。得到继承权的弟兄姐妹们，天父会照顾每一位。

四，作儿女能被圣灵指引，

圣灵是神给祂儿女最大的礼物，圣灵指引我们的道路，指导我们的行为，不被罪捆绑，不再成为律法主义者。拜全主义者被物质所领导，拜权主义被地位所领导！神的儿女被圣灵所领导

总结

效忠耶稣王被神收养，不被罪约束，打破界限和等级，和神亲近称神为父，被圣灵引导，建立地上天堂。福音是王的宣告，神的颠倒的新的国度将永远统治这世界。

English version: by Aihua Yin

Gospel Benefit: Adoption

Pastor Will

Gal 3:23-4:5

Continue the teaching of gospel benefits, today is about Adoption, adopted into the royal family, call God Abba, Father

Pray those who don't know Jesus, move by His love and grace, regardless of race and biology, a family of born-again. Break the barrier, insist to become what God wants us to be. Pray for those hurt in BLM movements. To grow during the child-birth process, God helps us to become the midwives of your gospel delivery.

All who give their allegiance to Jesus are given a new identity as children of us.

Being a child of God means:

1. Being free from the "curse of the law"

Backdrop for Gal. letter (Acts 13-14), Paul's earliest letter, full of frustration in Paul's missionary journey, at the time Jewish and non-Jewish Christian populations were in similar number. Historically Israelites were the chosen ones by God, so obeying Moses's law were considered requirement to be Christians by some. Paul was furious about that, because those given allegiance to Jesus were justified, not by obeying the laws but by what Jesus did for us which we could never achieve by our own efforts

In Gen. Abraham's example

Then why given the laws later?

God intended for the laws to be temporary, to expose the human condition (imprisoned under the control of sin-Galatians 3:22)

Positive side--to encourage Israelites to do good, laws as guardians before the coming of Jesus.

Jesus fulfilled the law

Gal. 3:24

we left the age of Torah, into the era leading by the HS

Like parents, follow the children when they are young, constantly correct them, but when growing to a point to leave, they make their own decisions.

Same way we are no longer under the curse of law, adopt into God's family

2. Being a barrier-breaker

Gal. 3:28

Through Jesus, one in Christ -All social barriers are broken

A. Cultural mandate: Jew or gentiles

B. Social mandate: slave or free

C. Sexual mandate: male or female!

A. Cultural difference shouldn't make a difference in church. Evaluate our beliefs in what is biblical and what is cultural. Unfortunately we mix this two concepts. Like 'making America Great' is cultural, same as Confucius ideas, not the absolute biblical truth. Our allegiance is to the King Jesus, multinational and multicultural family centered around God.

B. Slavery was widespread in the Bible time. In Paul's time 33% of population was slaves, what a revolutionary claim from Paul. A slave could be leader in the church, his master at the church would obey his slave. The idea of social power still exists in today's life, shouldn't have its place in church. Civil right movement of church in the 50-60s. Church should lead against the social injustice, the leaders of church should be from all levels of social status.

C. In Paul's time the inferiority of women existed, against God's original design, which man/woman rule the earth together.

NT examples of women in leadership

Phoebe: a deacon in church, Romans 16

Priscilla: a teacher and coworker w Paul romans 16, acts 18, 2tim4

Junia: in prison w Paul, was called an apostle romans16

Anna: a prophetess Luke 2

Women at the tomb, first witnesses and preachers of the resurrection (Gospels)

All in Christ are the children of Abraham, children of God

3. Being intimate w God

4:4-5 sonship—the benefit of adoption

Son with the same identity w father

In today's work, only 5% of children take the same vocation as their father, but the ancient world, majority take the same vocation, therefore establishing the same identity.

Peacemakers are called sons of God

In the same way, those who love enemies are called sons of god

Sonship also includes the inheritance of father, responsibility and great privilege!

Gal. 4:6 the Spirit who calls out "abba, Father" the most intimate relationship, love and respect w God Himself. Through praying, bible reading, live in obedience in God's teaching

What a gift! Heavenly Father has intimate relationship with us

4. Being led by the HS

Those w allegiance to God receive the gift of HS, led by HS, a sign of our inheritance

Gal. 5, empowerment by the HS

Free from the bondage of sin

Like Materialism led by materials, Children of God are led by HS, are confident to live under the guidance of HS

In conclusion, being children of God are free from the curse of law, are barrier breakers, w intimate relationship w God, and led by the HS.

Jesus is the King, His Kingdom will rule forever, amen!!