

We Were Adopted

Galatians 3:26-4:7



Sons

verses 26-28

Romans 6:4

The body of Christ is unity within diversity,
but *not* sameness.

“...each part is working properly (and) makes
the body grow so that it builds itself up in
love.” -Ephesians 4:16

Slaves

verses 1-3

Adoption

verses 4-7

God sent His Son.

God and Christ sent
the Holy Spirit.

First, the time had to be right. “When the fullness of time had come.”

Second, the qualifications had to be met.

Hypostatic union: Christ's humanity and divinity were joined in one individual existence.

Hebrews 4:15 "...yet without sin."

Third, He had to come with a purpose.

Luke 19:10 “...to seek and to save the lost.”

“In a much greater way, you and I have a God who says, “I love you.” And when we ask, “Why, God?” He answers, “Because you’re my son.” When we ask, “But why?” God says, “Because I wanted you...And I came to get you.” -David Platt

If Jesus secured our legal status under the law and secured our adoption papers, the Spirit came to secure our salvation and the actual experience of it. The Spirit of Christ lives in us and when we are adopted, everything begins to change.

“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!’ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

-Romans 8:15-16