

December 16, 2021

***"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."***  
Galatians 4:4b–5 (NKJV)

Advent is a time for celebration and reflection. This year, I have been compelled to consider once again the truths in the verses above. There is so much that could be shared! However, I believe I should share with you some truths regarding the "adoption of sons" as they relate to the child of God. Throughout His writings, when the Apostle Paul speaks of adoption, he is contrasting the Roman process of adoption to the Believer's inclusion into the family of God. Below are four consequences of being adopted under Roman law, as well as some truth applications that apply to the Christian.

- The adopted person lost all rights to his old family, and gained all the rights of a fully legitimate son in his new family. In the most literal sense, and in the most legally binding way, he got a new father. *And it was if he never had a different one. The old father had no say regarding the one who was no longer his son.*  
*You have a new Father, God, and the old one, Satan has no say over what you do.*
- The adoptee became an heir to his new father's estate. Other sons in the family did not affect his rights. *He was inalienably co-heir with them.*  
*You are a co-heir in God's kingdom with Christ forever!*
- In law, the old life of the adopted person was completely wiped out. For instance, legally all debts were cancelled; they were wiped out as though they had never been. *The adopted person was regarded as a new person entering into a new life on which the past had nothing no impact.*  
*In Christ, the Bible says you are a new creation and God has wiped the sin slate clean. He remembers your sin no more!*
- In the eyes of the law the adopted person was literally and absolutely the son of the new father.  
*In the eyes of God, if you have become His child, you are His child. Forever!*

There is one last thing I want to share regarding Roman adoption. Before the adoption could take place, the adoptee was symbolically "set free" from the authority of his original father by a ritual involving the purchasing of his son by the one who would adopt Him.

***". . . God sent forth His Son. . . to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."***

Jesus paid the price that we might become God's children! And Scripture says that, at just the right time in history, He came: the price for our redemption in order that you might become God's very special child! As you celebrate Christmas this year, we pray you will think on the very special gifts given to you by your Father in heaven, the greatest of which is the Lord Jesus!



The picture you see is a billboard we have placed on the SE corner of the intersection of state routes 13 & 37 in Marion. More than 50,000 cars pass through this area every day. There is a more detailed witness on our website should any of the passersby view Call of Grace. Lord willing, we will continue with a billboard in this location, changing the message every few months. Please be in prayer for the Lord to use this simple message, and the ones to come, to draw others to Himself for His glory! If you would like to place a billboard like this now or in the future, please contact me. I will be happy to provide the graphics for this one or the others that we place so you can have one made.

November was a busy month. December is as well. We have served with various organizations to proclaim the Gospel. Some of these activities were coordinated with meeting the material needs of others. Others were strictly evangelistic opportunities. As well, the Lord continues to fill my preaching schedule, for which I am truly grateful. In all cases, Cindy and I rejoice as the Gospel of our Lord Jesus goes out!

2021, like last year, has been different. The Lord, however, has provided avenues for us to share Christ. And for this we are grateful to Him! As we go on this journey, we are also thankful to the Lord for you as your prayers and support are the Lord's provision for this ministry. Thank you so much for being a part of this ministry to our Lord!

As we look forward to the coming year:

***“The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.”*** Numbers 6:24–26 (NKJV)

***May you know the richness of the Lord's blessings in your life each day of the coming year!  
And give Him thanks and praise for them!***

## Looking Ahead

- Men, the 2022 Mission to Mardi Gras is Feb. 24th - March 1st. Please be in prayer regarding your participation in this mission for our Lord. If you would like to know more, please contact me. **If you are led to come, I need to know by January 24th, 2022.**

**We ask for your prayers for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace mentioned above. We also request your prayers for the following:**

- Please stand in the gap for your Brothers and Sisters that we, as His people, would act with faith on the promise in 2 Chron 7:14.
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- Pray for those who were affected in any way by the recent storms and tornadoes.
- Please begin praying for the 2022 Mission to Mardi Gras (Feb. 24th - March 1st)
- We are seeking the Lord's direction on various opportunities for the coming year. Please be in prayer that nothing the Lord desires of us will be overlooked by us.

***Is there something we can pray for you? If so please let us know.***

Thank you again for your prayers and support. If the Lord calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you as regards your evangelistic efforts, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

*Dennis & Cindy Mohr*

**~Cindy's Bottom Line~**

As you prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, prayerfully spend some quiet moments contemplating the very question Jesus asked, **"But who do you say that I am?"** (Matt 16:15).

***Merry Christmas everyone!***

***"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"*** 2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV)

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