

ADOPTED IN CHRIST

Galatians 3:26-29 // May 17, 2026 PM

Through faith-union with Christ, we are adopted into the family of God.

I. In the Son we receive a filial *identity* (vv. 26-27).

II. In the Son we receive a filial *intimacy* (v. 28).

III. In the Son we receive a filial *inheritance* (v. 29).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What human relationship tends to shape our view of God more than any other? Why?
2. What is the difference between justification and adoption? Why did Pastor Nick argue that adoption is an even greater blessing than justification?
3. What is meant by “core identity”? And why should God’s adoption of us in Christ be at the heart of it?
4. How does the doctrine of adoption inform the way we relate to others in the church even when they are different from us in many ways?
5. Why did Paul say we become “sons” in Christ, not “sons and daughters”?
6. What is the inheritance that is ours as members of the household of God?
7. Can you point out all the places Paul references union with Christ in vv. 26-29? Why is he so focused on this?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I agree with John Murray that adoption is “the apex of grace and privilege”? Why, or why not?
2. How were the Galatians being tempted to divide God’s household? How am I tempted to do the same? How does union with the Son of God provide the cure in every context?
3. What is the Christian’s inheritance in Christ? How ought this to change the way I view my sufferings in the present?