

ADOPTED BY GRACE

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grace: God's _____ favor toward us

Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world. Galatians 4:1-3 NLT

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. Galatians 4:4 NLT

God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. Galatians 4:5 NLT

grace: _____ us

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:4,5 NLT

grace: makes us children of God's _____

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26 NLT

And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Galatians 4:6 NLT

grace: God is our gracious _____

Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. Galatians 4:7 NLT

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *Do you have trouble accepting UNDESERVED favor from God? Why or why not?*
- *Read Galatians 4:5. Do you feel like you live in freedom?*
- *Are there any stories of adoption in your family?*
- *How can a view of God as “Abba Father” deepen your faith?*
- *How does Galatians 3:26 change your approach to faith?*
- *What could we be a slave to today that Jesus is calling us to live free from?*