

TO GO

1. Have you or someone you know ever tried to portray themselves as someone other than who they really are? Why is it sometimes so tempting to do that?
2. Read Galatians 3:25-26. What does justification have to do with adoption? What does Paul mean by “guardian” here. Why does Paul use the term “sons of God,” especially when just a couple of verses later (v28) he says that in Christ, “there is no male and female”?
3. Read Galatians 3:27-28. Why is unity so important in the church? In what ways does Paul negate the distinctions between these three categories? How is this passage sometimes taken out of context?
4. Read Galatians 3:29. What is the distinguishing mark of Abraham’s offspring?
5. Read Galatians 4:1-3. In what ways were Christians once slaves? How did that make us vulnerable to the elementary principles of the world?
6. Read Galatians 4:4-7. How are Christians now positioned in Christ? In what ways does our understanding of our adoption help us to appreciate and apply all that Christ has done for us?
7. Reflect on your life. Make two columns. On side, list several ways that your life represents one who is under slavery. On the other, list all the ways you can think of that Christ has adopted you out of slavery and into your new status as an heir of the kingdom of God.
8. How can you act more like an heir than a slave in the days ahead? How can the presence of the Spirit help you appreciate the goodness of the Father by the glory and power of the Son? Ask God to help you live into and out of the adoption you have in Him.