You Are Adopted
Galatians 3:26-4:7

Main Point:
As an adopted son of God, live as one who is a member of His family.

1. In Christ, you are an adopted son of God.

2. A son of God has an inheritance from the Father.

3. A son of God has an intimate relationship with the Father.

4. Therefore, live as one who is a member of God's family.

WSC 34 Q. What is adoption? A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the Sons of God.

C.S. Lewis "The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God."

John 1:12-13 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (NKJV)

Jonathan Landry Cruse "The inheritance of heaven that belongs to the Son of God by right is shared with us by grace as we, through faith, become sons of God."

Romans 8:16-17 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ … (NKJV)

Jonathan Landry Cruse "[Adoption is] a legality that in actuality produces and strengthens a loving relationship."

Mark 14:36 36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You *will.*" (NKJV)

Jonathan Landry Cruse "In justification God has taken His throne of judgment and turned it into a mercy seat; in adoption we are welcomed onto His lap. That is the kind of intimate access we have to God …"

Hebrews 12:7 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? (NKJV)

1 John 3:1 1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! … (NKJV)