

***Adoption***  
**Galatians 3:26-4:7**

Main Point:

As an adopted son of God, enjoy frequent communion with your new family members.

1. By grace through faith in Jesus Christ, you are an adopted son of God.
2. As an adopted son of God, you have a new relationship with God.
3. As an adopted son of God, you have a new relationship with other believers.
4. Enjoy frequent communion with your new family members.

## Cross-References and Quotes:

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

**Wayne Spear** "It is one thing for a judge to pronounce an accused person 'not guilty.' It would be an amazing thing if the judge then invited the acquitted person to come with him and be a member of his family. Yet that is what God has done for us in Christ!"

**John 1:12**<sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. (NKJV)

**Galatians 3:26**<sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (NKJV)

**Galatians 4:7**<sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. (NKJV)

**Russell Moore** "When parents name a child, they're welcoming him; they're identifying him with them, forever."

**Matthew 6:9**<sup>9</sup> "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. (NKJV)

**Hebrews 4:14-16**<sup>14</sup> Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession.<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin.<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (NKJV)

**Hebrews 12:5-11**<sup>5</sup> ... "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;<sup>6</sup> For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." ...<sup>10</sup> For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness.<sup>11</sup> Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (NKJV)

**1 Corinthians 12:12-27**<sup>12</sup> For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ ...<sup>14</sup> For in fact the body is not one member but many.<sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?<sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?<sup>17</sup> If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling?<sup>18</sup> But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased ...<sup>20</sup> But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body.<sup>21</sup> And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ...<sup>25</sup> that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.<sup>26</sup> And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. (NKJV)

**Joel Beeke** "When our prayer life declines, everything else does too."

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**<sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing (NKJV)

**Hebrews 10:24-25** and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,<sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. (NKJV)