

A Hymn of Adoption

1. The time of fullness marked the day,
When God sent forth His Son.
Of woman born, and under law,
Redemption's time had come,
Reversing that old curse for us,
Adopting us in love,
The blessing of the Trinity,
Free Grace, from heav'n above

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2. Joint-heirs with Christ, and Spirit-led
We praise the Trinity
For "Abba, Father!" now we cry
We're in God's family
And Jesus calls us "brothers" now
Our fears are put away.
The Spirit of Adoption's help
Will guide us in the way

3. We've heard the Gospel Word of Truth,
Believing by His Grace:
In His own precious promises,
For our accursed race.
The Promised Spirit seals us now
For greater blessings still
God gives us an inheritance
The Living Father's will

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To the tune of "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
The full hymn is at www.cbfindlay.org

One in Christ Jesus

Galatians 3:22-29

The wonderful ways we became one in Christ

Explanation

Every person who is "imprisoned" by the Scripture can look for God's promise. 22-23 (Romans 11:32)

- Under sin to see the promise, 22
- Under the law to see "the faith" revealed, 23

Illustration: The Law was our guardian/schoolmaster to bring us to justification by faith in Christ. 24-26

- We were under a temporary, inferior servant until we were brought to Christ, and His justifying work. 25-25
- We were under this "chastiser" until we became children of God by faith. 26

Applications: Of being God's children by faith, 27-29

- We have been baptized by the Spirit. 1 Cor. 12:13
- We have "put on" Christ; we are "in Him."
- We (meaning believers of all races, classes and genders) are all one in Christ Jesus.
- Since we are Christ's possession, we are Abraham's seed and heirs of God's promise.

Additional study: Romans 3:9, Deuteronomy 27:26
Lev. 18:5 >> Hab. 2:4 >> Rom. 7:10 >> 2 Cor. 3:4-8

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