

The Blessing of the Reality of Divine Adoption

Part 3

Galatians 4:5–7

Introduction. The Blessing of the Reality of Divine Adoption.

The Reality of the Blessing of Divine Adoption understood through:

A. The Illustration of Divine Adoption. Promotion from childhood to adulthood.

B. The Basis of Divine Adoption. The coming of Christ. 4:4–5

Aspect #1 The Timing of Christ's coming points to the sovereignty of God.

Aspect #2 The Origin of Christ's coming points to the deity of Christ.

Aspect #3 The Manner of Christ's coming points to the humanity of Christ.

Aspect #4 The Condition of Christ's coming points to the primacy of God's Law.

Aspect #5 The Purpose of Christ's coming points to the goodness of God.

C. The Assurance of Divine Adoption. The testimony of the Holy Spirit. 6

1. *The process through which the Holy Spirit comes to indwell sinful men.*

Illumination and Regeneration.

The Holy Spirit indwells the sinner.

2. *The results of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in sinful men.*

The Holy Spirit indwelling is a baptizing into Christ. 3:27

The Holy Spirit's indwelling is a transforming work. 5:16,18, 22–26

The Holy Spirit's indwelling is a testifying work. 4:6; Romans 8:15–16

The Holy Spirit's indwelling is a comforting work. Romans 8:26–28

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D. The Inheritance of Divine Adoption. 7

Ephesians 1:13–14

Romans 8:17–18

What if you are not sensing the presence of God's Spirit?

#1 Do you have the Spirit of God? Are you redeemed? Whose child are you?

Romans 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

#2 Are you grieving the Spirit of God? Ephesians 4:25–32

#3 Are you feeding the Spirit of God?
Commune with the Spirit through prayer.
Feed the Spirit through Bible reading.
Encourage the Spirit through fellowship.