

Living as a Child of God

HOUSEKEEPING

1. Take a deep Breath, Let it out
2. Take few notes, you can go back and see the slides on the CBC website
3. Simply listen for His affections for us as well as His sustaining grace
4. Listen for the continuity of Scripture
5. "Be still and know that He is God." Psalm 46:10

GALATIANS 4:4-9

“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

GALATIANS 4:4-9

Therefore, you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

However, at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods.

But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?

MAIN THOUGHT

We can wear no better identity than that of Christ. Our joy in trials is in the hands of our Father who has put His Fatherhood on display by sending His only Son to die for our sins and then return Him to His great glory in heaven. His jealous love wants us to know the affections of His sufficiency.

GALATIANS 4:4-9 BREAKDOWN

- Justification vs 4-5a
- Adoption vs 5b-7
- Sanctification vs 8-9

GALATIANS 4:4-5A

Justification

JUSTIFICATION

Justification is about listening to God, who declares through Jesus' obedient faith, that we are forgiven. We receive this gift of forgiveness when we believe in Jesus.

JUSTIFICATION

Galatians 4:4

“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law...”

“BUT WHEN THE FULLNESS OF THE TIME CAME, GOD SENT FORTH HIS
SON, BORN OF A WOMA...”

Matt 1:20-23

“Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by
the Lord through the prophet (Isaiah 7;14): “Behold,
the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and
they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated
means, “God with us.”

JESUS ATTITUDE ABOUT HIS ASSIGNMENT FROM HIS FATHER

Philippians 2:5-7

“...who (Jesus), although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.”

JESUS ATTITUDE ABOUT HIS ASSIGNMENT FROM HIS FATHER

Hebrews 2:14a and 18

“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood,
he himself likewise partook of the same things...”

“For because he himself has suffered when tempted,
he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

THIS GOES BACK TO THE TIME OF THE FALL

Remember Genesis 3:15?

“And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

JUSTIFICATION

Galatians 4:5a

“so that He might redeem those who were under the
Law...”

“SO THAT HE MIGHT REDEEM THOSE WHO WERE UNDER THE
LAW...”

Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I
did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to
you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter
or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

“SO THAT HE MIGHT REDEEM THOSE WHO WERE UNDER THE
LAW...”

Romans 10:4

“For Christ is the end of the law for
righteousness to everyone who believes.”

“SO THAT HE MIGHT REDEEM THOSE WHO WERE UNDER THE
LAW...”

Colossians 2:13-14

“When you were dead in your transgressions and the
uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with
Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled
out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us,
which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way,
having nailed it to the cross.”

“SO THAT HE MIGHT REDEEM THOSE WHO WERE UNDER THE
LAW...”

Acts 13:39

“...and by Him everyone who believes is freed from
everything from which you could not be freed by the
law of Moses.”

JUSTIFICATION PAYS THE DEBT OF THE DEBTOR
ONCE AND FOR ALL!

Romans 1:8

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for
those who are in Christ Jesus.”

SUMMARY OF JUSTIFICATION

Justification is a one-time, instantaneous, legal act of God in which He declares our sins as forgiven and Christ's righteousness belonging to us.

He declares us to be righteous in His sight.

THE TRANSITION FROM JUSTIFICATION TO ADOPTION

Even though He pardon's criminals, it doesn't make them His children. An adoption must occur to accomplish that.

GALATIANS 4:5b-7

Adoption

ADOPTION

As a result of justification our Father, in love, has adopted us as His children. As His children we are no longer under the authority of our sin nature. His adopting us has put us under His authority as Father. We are to live our life identifying ourselves as His children and under His authority, according to His design, supplied with the sufficiency of His affections.

ADOPTION

Galatians 4:5b

“...that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

“...THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE ADOPTION AS SONS.”

John 1:12

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,”

“...THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE ADOPTION AS SONS.”

Ephesians 1:5

“In love, He predestined us to adoption as sons
through Jesus Christ to Himself,
according to the kind intention of His will...”

“...THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE ADOPTION AS SONS.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

SUMMARY OF ADOPTION

- The right to become His children is by His choice in His time.
- It is done in love.
- It was decided before creation.
- It is done through Christ.
- It is done according to the kind intention of His will.
- It is accomplished by His grace through faith.

ADOPTION

Galatians 4:6

“Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

“BECAUSE YOU ARE SONS, GOD HAS SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO OUR HEARTS, CRYING, “ABBA! FATHER!”

Ephesians 1:13-14a

“In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance...”

"BECAUSE YOU ARE SONS, GOD HAS SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO OUR HEARTS, CRYING, "ABBA! FATHER!"

Romans 8:14-16

"For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father."

"THEREFORE, YOU ARE NO LONGER A SLAVE, BUT A SON;"

Romans 8:16

**"The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we
are children of God..."**

SUMMARY OF THE HOLY SPIRITS ROLE

- Our adoption is sealed (permanently) by the pledge of the Holy Spirit.
- The Spirit along with our spirit are agreement we are the Fathers children.
- We are now being led by the Holy Spirit.

ADOPTION

Galatians 4:7a

“Therefore, you are no longer a slave, but a son...”

"THEREFORE, YOU ARE NO LONGER A SLAVE, BUT A SON;"

Romans 8:17

"and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*."

THE RESULTS OF ADOPTION

- We are no longer slaves to sin but His children.
- The Spirit testifies with our spirit we have been adopted by our Father.
- We are heirs of God and Jesus.
- Suffering is part of being in the family.

ADOPTION

As His adopted children, we now need to learn the terms of adoption we are now under with God as our Father.

"YOU ARE NO LONGER A SLAVE, BUT A SON"

Hebrews 12:7,11

"It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?" But he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

ALONG WITH ADOPTION COMES SANCTIFICATION

Because we are eternally justified and have been adopted in love by God the Father, He now continues to save us through His work of sanctification.

GALATIANS 4:8-9

Sanctification

SANCTIFICATION

To “sanctify” something is to set it apart for special use; to “sanctify” a person is to make him holy for God’s glory.

SANCTIFICATION

Galatians 4:8

“However, at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods.”

“WHEN YOU DID NOT KNOW GOD, YOU WERE SLAVES TO THOSE WHICH
BY NATURE ARE NO GODS.”

Romans 1:28

“And since they did not see fit to acknowledge
God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do
what ought not to be done.”

SANCTIFICATION

Galatians 4:9a

“But now that you have come to know God, ...”

“BUT NOW THAT YOU HAVE COME TO KNOW GOD, ...”

John 17:3

“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

“BUT NOW THAT YOU HAVE COME TO KNOW GOD, ...”

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

“But *it is* due to Him *that* you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written:

‘LET THE ONE WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE Lord.’”

(The sanctification mentioned in this verse is a once-for-ever separation of believers unto God.)

SANCTIFICATION

Galatians 4:9b

“...or rather to be known by God,”

“...OR RATHER TO BE KNOWN BY GOD,”

Ephesians 1:5

“He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will...”

“...OR RATHER TO BE KNOWN BY GOD,”

Psalm 139:1

“O Lord, you have searched me and known me!”

PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION

The Bible also refers to sanctification as a practical experience of our separation unto God. “Progressive” or “experiential” sanctification, as it is sometimes called, is the effect of obedience to the Word of God in one’s life. This type of sanctification is to be pursued by the believer earnestly and is effected by the application of the Word and the worship of God.

Our Lord’s sanctification is the pattern of and power for our own.

SANCTIFICATION

This is well within His rights as Owner and Creator even though are fallen nature calls for an insurrection.

SANCTIFICATION

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body.”

Do *you* ever have **this thought**?

YOU ARE NOT THE BOSS OF ME?



SUMMARY OF SANCTIFICATION

- Positionally God has sanctified us.
- Once we have come to faith in Christ by the work of God, we are declared sanctified and set apart as God's child for His glory.
- This sanctification is also in progress everyday of our lives. This is God's activity of transforming us into the image of Christ.
- The justified, adopted, and sanctified child of God now lives under His direction, sufficiency and authority.
- Our bodies have been made temples of the Holy Spirit

GALATIANS 4:9C

“...how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?”

BIG PROBLEM!

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“...how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?”

BIG PROBLEM!

Even though we are justified, adopted and sanctified, as His children we still seek the temporal pleasures the carnal nature desires.

BIG PROBLEM!

Why is this?

BIG PROBLEM!

Often, our best answer is “Because I am broken. I still live in a carnal world and a fallen body.

The truth of the matter is...

YOU ARE NOT THE BOSS OF ME?



HMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM...

...But does God have a purpose in mind for it?

Why would He justify, adopt and sanctify us
just for us to keep repeating the same process?

REMEMBER ROMANS 8:17

“ ...if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.”

Sounds like if we are going to be glorified
with Him, we are going to suffer
in a similar manner.

We had better confirm this.

It doesn't sound right.

1 PETER 2:21-25

“For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you... For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

ROMANS 8:28-30

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

1 PETER 2:11-12

“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”

SUMMARY OF BECOMING LIKE CHRIST THROUGH SUFFERING

- For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.
- He kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously.
- You were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.
- And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

SUMMARY OF BECOMING LIKE CHRIST THROUGH SUFFERING

- He also predestined us *to become* conformed to the image of His Son
- As sojourners and exiles abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.
- Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable.
- You will be maligned as evil doers.
- Let them see your good deeds that they may glorify God on the day of visitation.

**Jesus is our
example!**

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE

Hebrews 5:7-9

“In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence (respect; submission) . Although he was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him...”

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE

Hebrews 4:14-16

“Since then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

So how do we live this out?

APPLICATION # 1

Philippians 2:12-13

“So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, *work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*”

APPLICATION #2

Hebrews 2:1,3a

“Therefore, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?”

APPLICATION #3

Hebrews 4:1-3a

“Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

For we who have believed enter that rest...””

CONCLUSIONS

Hebrews 12:1-2

- “Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us,
 - and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,
 - and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

CONCLUSIONS

Hebrews 12:3

“For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

CONCLUSIONS

Hebrews 10:24-25

“...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 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.”

CORPORATE READING OF 1PETER 1:3-5

”Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

1 PETER 1:6-7

“In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ...”

1 PETER 1:6-7

“...and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.”