

PULPIT MINISTRY MAY 2009

Theme: "Abba, Father"

MORNING WORSHIP

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Text: Romans 8, Galatians 4

(I) GREAT DISCOVERY OF THE DOCTRINE OF ADOPTION OF SONS

"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons"
Ephesians 4:4-5

1. A Glorious Biblical Doctrine

2. A Grand Biblical Doctrine that must be carefully articulated and appreciated

- a) Jesus made this possible
- b) He made it possible through the redemption He provided
- c) Adoption of sons was offered to all who believed in Him (**John 12**)

(II) GREAT RAMIFICATIONS OF THE DOCTRINE OF ADOPTION OF SONS

"And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'" **Galatians 4:6**

1. Because you are sons

- a) Because... suggests "ramifications"
- b) Because... suggests "causative factor"

2. Because we are sons

- a) We have the same Spirit as Jesus
- b) That same Spirit of Jesus that caused Him to speak to God as Father now indwells us (**Cf. John 5, 8, 17**)
- c) That same Spirit will cause us to cry out to God would teach us to cry "Abba, Father"

3. Because we are sons

- a) We are not slaves (**Galatians 4:7a**)
- b) We are heirs of God through Christ (**Galatians 4:7b**)

4. Because we are sons

"...led by the Spirit of God..." **Romans 8:14**

5. Because we are sons

"...you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear..." **Romans 8:15a**

6. Because we are sons

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." **Romans 8:16-17**

(III) GREAT RESPONSE TO THE DOCTRINE OF THE ADOPTION OF SONS

1. To learn how to be like God our Father

"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children." **Ephesians 5:1**

2. To learn how to walk as Children of Light

"...Walk as children of light" **Ephesians 5:8c**

3. To delight in being Children of God

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