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"Adoption Through Atonement"

Galatians 4:4-7

1. God's timing: "When the fullness of time had come…" v.4

- This was an appointed time by God the Father.
- God planned to send His Son at that particular time in history.
- God had prepared the world for Jesus by His divine, sovereign plan.

2. God's Son: "God sent forth his Son…" v.4

- Born of a woman – fully human
- Born under the Law – but never broke the Law (definition of sin) – fully God

3. God's method: "to redeem those who were under the law". v.5

- The idea of "redemption" came from the institution of slavery in NT times. A slave could buy (redeem) his freedom, or someone else could buy his freedom.
- Christ redeemed us. How? Through atonement accomplished on the cross.
  -Christ atoned for our sins by accepting the punishment we deserve for our sins. See Gal. 3:13-14
- Atonement carries the ideas of SUBSTITUTION and SATISFACTION.
  -SUBSTITUTION: He took our place. 2 Cor. 5:21
  -SATISFACTION: It was enough. "It is finished!"
- Romans 3:22: …the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
- Romans 5:1: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. God's purpose: "so that we might receive adoption as sons." v.5

- In NT times, adoption was used by people who had no children – so the family name and possessions could be passed down.
- A relational category or status—because of the judicial declaration. We are adopted into God's family.
- John 1:12-13: But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
- 1 John 3:1: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

5. God's empowering: "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts." v.6

- John 14:18: I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
- You have the Holy Spirit. Always—and *especially* in time of need. ("crying, 'Abba, Father'"!)

6. God's declaration. v.7

Observations & Applications…

1. The role of the Trinity in our adoption as children of God.

2. "Adoption thru Atonement"

3. Living as sons and daughters…not orphans. → The Holy Spirit is the key piece to living this way.