

CONFIRMATION WORSHIP NOTES

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Confirmation Sermon Notes

Sermon Series: Loving the Triune God

Sermon Title: A delightful inheritance.

Text: Galatians 3:23-4:7

- 1) What stuck with you from last week's sermon about God the Spirit?

- 2) Do you know anyone who is adopted? Ask them to tell you their story of adoption.

- 3) Why is it important to understand our adoption into the family of God?

- 4) What question(s) do you have for the pastor?

Write down the Next Step for this week:

Study Guide

What comes to mind when you hear the word "adoption"?

Why do you think the Apostle Paul uses adoption as a way of understanding relationship with God?

Read Galatians 3:23-4:7

In 3:23-26, what is Paul saying about the law and faith?

Why is the law compared to a guardian? (3:23-24)

How did the coming of Christ change that reality? (3:25-26)

How would you explain the phrases "in Christ" and "through faith"?

What is similar about the two phrases?

What is different between the two phrases?

Explain how baptism is connected to adoption. (3:27)

What does adoption into the family of God do for understanding normal human distinctions of race, role, or gender? (3:28)

Does this create confusion or bring clarity for you in your life? Why?

What questions do you have about being "one in Christ Jesus"? (3:28)

When you read Paul's if/then statement in 3:29, how does that expand your understanding of adoption into the family of God?

What is the promise that Paul is referencing? (See Genesis 12, 12, 15, and 17)

Paul explains what he means in 4:1-5 - summarize in your own words the point Paul has been making.

How does the illustration of slaves/managers connect with the understanding of heirs being sons with a guardian?

What is the significance of Christ being born of a woman under the law?

Why do you think Paul wrote of adoption as something that is "received"? Is there any other way to talk about adoption?

Galatians 4:6 is one of the clear trinitarian texts in Scripture. What is being communicated about the triune God in this verse?

Describe the role of God the Father in this verse.

Have you ever been an heir? Or received an inheritance? Did you do anything to earn it?

How does this connect with Paul's writing about adoption and being heirs of God?

What other Bible passages do you remember that talk about the inheritance God has for his children?

How would you explain to someone who has never read the Bible what it means to be a child of God?

Next Step: Write down your adoption story and reflect on the reality of being in relationship with the Triune God.

Next Week's Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23