

Rejoicing in God's Epic Plan to Save the World

Discussion Questions for Galatians 4:4-5

1. How did the coming of Jesus perfectly satisfy the requirements of the Law? (4:4–5)
2. How did the believers benefit by becoming part of God's family? (4:5)
3. Whom did God send into the lives of the Galatian Christians? (4:6)
4. How did the Spirit move the believers to address God? (4:6)
5. Since the Galatians were no longer slaves, what had they become? (4:7)
6. What is your favorite way to address God?
7. If you were a Galatian Christian, how would you feel after learning of your position in God's family?
8. What does the timing of Christ's coming teach you about God's providence in the world and in redemption? Did Jesus come at just the right time? Explain.
9. Could anyone other than Jesus have reconciled us to God? Explain your answer.
10. Identify the problem with the following statement: "God adopts us because we deserve a better life."
11. How should the new identity of a follower of Christ affect his or her battle with sin? What about fear? Covetousness? Divisiveness? Why should the doctrine of adoption inspire greater prayer and deeper worship?
12. How would you respond to someone who said that God is the Father of everyone, regardless of their faith?
13. Does intimacy with God as your Father naturally lead to a low or irreverent view of God? Explain.
14. How should the doctrine of adoption impact the way we view others in the church? Do you think most people in your church view the church as a family, an event, or a building? Why?
15. Paul speaks of the inheritance believers receive by virtue of their adoption. List some of these privileges.

16. As a child of God, do you behave like a slave or more like an heir?

17. How can you develop more intimacy with and trust in your heavenly Father during the coming days?