

Receiving Adoption to Sonship

Introduction Galatians 4:4-5

Opening Illustration –

1. Faith is the Victory!
 - a. The Law brings the knowledge of sin. Romans 3:19–20
 - b. Christ brings the knowledge of salvation. Luke 1:76-77; 1 Timothy 2:1-7
2. A Change in Relationship!
 - a. From Judge Psalm 50:6; Genesis 18:25; Psalm 7:11
 - b. To Father Deuteronomy 27:9–10; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:12–17
 - i. The creation of a kinship relationship between two individuals that is recognized as essentially equivalent to one stemming from natural descent.¹
3. A Change in Standing!
 - a. Slave John 8:31–36
 - b. Son Galatians 3:26-29; Ephesians 1:3-6
 - i. Walk in the Light Ephesians 5:8-11
 - ii. Obey 1 Peter 1:13-16

¹ Frederick W. Knobloch, "Adoption," ed. David Noel Freedman, *The Anchor Yale Bible Dictionary* (New York: Doubleday, 1992), 76.