

The background of the slide features a black and white silhouette of a man and a child standing on a rocky shore, looking out at the ocean under a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow that reflects on the water. The man is on the left, and the child is on the right, holding the man's hand.

Sons of God

Galatians 3:26 – 4:7

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Galatians Series

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²⁶ “You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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¹ What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ² He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³ So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. ⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,

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⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. ⁶ Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.”

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1. Who We Are 3:26-27

a) Sons of God

- patriarchal society
- how - through faith

b) Evidences of this truth

- baptized
- clothed with Christ

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2. Unified Family 3:28

a) Race and culture

- don't have to become a Jew to belong to Christ

- equal in value – distinct in background

b) Socio-economic, Status

- 33% of this culture slaves

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- equal in value – still have a cultural role that is not erased
- in this family – what you earn, title or position, education, all seen as one in Christ

c) gender

- distinct in creation
- roles in culture
- equal in value – one in Christ

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3. Recipients of an Inheritance

a) heirs of the promise vs.29

– what God promises – applies to you, you belong to Christ

b) slaves and children 4:1–3

– wealthy minor – cannot use influence and wealth

– under law – waiting for time when what's promised can free

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4. Adopted By God 4:4-7

a) chose the time

b) provided the means

– Son, born of a woman, born under the law

– redeem those under the law – receive full rights as sons

c) given a new Spirit

– very spirit of Christ

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d) Given a new Relationship

- 'Abba' – Father
- personal, close, loving
- desire not to disappoint
- trust their protection, provision, care and love

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So What

1. We are Sons of God through faith
 - evidenced in your desire to identify with the Father, and reflect the Family
2. We are a Diverse family – United in Christ
 - distinct in roles, background, etc
 - equal in value before God

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So What

3. We Hold a Great Inheritance
 - promise – now and coming
4. We are Adopted By God
 - chosen
 - provided for
 - empowered as family
 - free to love the Father