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 — Amen, Hallelujah, Selah, Abba — 





ABBA



¹ What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ² The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.



GALATIANS 4:1-7



³ So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,



GALATIANS 4:1-7



⁵ to redeem those under the law, that
we might receive adoption to sonship.
⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the
Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit
who calls out, “*Abba*, Father.”



GALATIANS 4:1-7



⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.



GALATIANS 4:1-7



“It was a term of great intimacy and affectionate respect. It was typically the first word a child would utter, but adults could use it for their fathers as well, and students sometimes used it of their teachers. Perhaps because it implied such intimacy, Jewish people never used it of God.”



– CRAIG KEENER –



SAVED BY GOD





God sent the Spirit of his Son into
our hearts, the Spirit who calls out,
“*Abba*, Father.”



GALATIANS 4:6



Our salvation is predicated on the
sending of the Son of the Father.
Our sonship is predicated on the
sending of the Spirit of the Son.





“It is no use having the status of being God’s son if one is not also being remolded to have the character of the Son.”

– **BEN WITHERINGTON III** –





¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?



1 CORINTHIANS 6:19



³⁶ “*Abba*, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”



MARK 14:36



The Spirit intercedes for God's people in
accordance with the will of God.



ROMANS 8:27



The words “Abba, Father” provide
believers with a sample of how to
pray to God.





CHILDREN OF GOD





⁷ So you are no longer a slave,
but God's child.



GALATIANS 4:7a



In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.



EPHESIANS 1:4-5



Greek words can have multiple meanings and the term “huios” not only means “son” but also “descendant”.





¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.



ROMANS 8:15-16



And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.”
¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit
that we are God’s children.



ROMANS 8:15-16



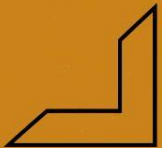
¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.



HEBREWS 2:11



Jesus is our elder brother and
truer brother.





HEIRS OF GOD





Since you are his child, God has made
you also an heir.



GALATIANS 4:7b



¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through
all generations.



PSALM 145:13



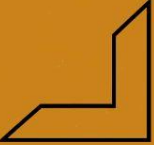
Eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God.



1 TIMOTHY 1:17



We are heirs of God's promises.





⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.



HEBREWS 11:8-9



⁹ By faith he made his home in the
promised land like a stranger in a foreign
country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and
Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same
promise.



HEBREWS 11:8-9



This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah
the son of David, **the son of Abraham.**



MATTHEW 1:1



²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are
Abraham's seed, and heirs according to
the promise.



GALATIANS 3:29



⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.



EPHESIANS 3:6



We are heirs of a share in
Jesus' glory.





¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.



ROMANS 8:17



Jesus, the Firstborn, is not selfish,
but selfless. Whatever is His also
becomes ours.





²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as
my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that
you may eat and drink at my table in my
kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the
twelve tribes of Israel.



LUKE 22:29-30



[We have] an inheritance that can never
perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is
kept in heaven for you.



1 PETER 1:4



People are trying to know who
they are without knowing whose
they are.





¹⁶ You turn things upside down, as if the
potter were thought to be like the clay!
Shall what is formed say to the one who
formed it, “You did not make me”? Can the
pot say to the potter, “You know nothing”?



ISAIAH 29:16



“Does the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you making?’ Does your work say, ‘The potter has no hands?’”



ISAIAH 45:9



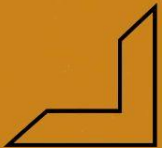
“Shall what is formed say to the one
who formed it, ‘Why did you make
me like this?’”



ROMANS 9:20

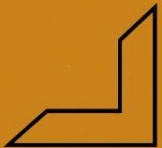


Your identity on earth must be
as it is in heaven.





Like Abba, like son (like daughter).





SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) SAVED BY GOD
 - 2) CHILDREN OF GOD
 - 3) HEIRS OF GOD
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