

## KIDS & HEIRS OF THE KINGDOM

Now I say that as long as the heir is a child, he differs in no way from a slave, though he is the owner of everything. Instead, he is under guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were in slavery under the elements of the world. When the time came to completion, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then God has made you an heir. (Galatians 4:1-7)

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*"You need a particular type of booster to get the rocket up through the earth's atmosphere. But once it's out in space, someone presses a button and the booster drops away. That is not because it was a bad thing and you wish you never had it in the first place—you jettison the booster—it was a good thing whose job is now done—that is what Paul is saying about the Torah." (N.T. Wright)*

So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then God has made you an heir. (Galatians 4:7)

The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. (Romans 8:16-17)

For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him. He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he lavished on us in the Beloved One. (Ephesians 1:4-6)

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him. (1 John 1:5)

And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba, Father!” (Galatians 4:6)

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!” (Romans 8:15)

Reflection Question:

What is something that is keeping you from fully embracing your identity in Jesus as a child of God and coheir in Christ?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.