

Advent Series- The Perfection of Christmas

The Perfect Relationship

Galatians 4:6-7

1 John 3:1 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

Can man really have a relationship with God?

Review - the Perfection of Christmas **Galatians 4:4-7**

The perfect time - In the fullness of Time -

The perfect plan - God sent His Son, born of a woman, under the law

The perfect redemption - in order to redeem, to adopt us as children

I. Man's original state - created by God

A. Created in the image of God - **Genesis 1:26-27**

B. Created to have fellowship with God - **Genesis 3:8**

They heard the sound of God walking in the Garden - calling

II. Man's fallen state - corrupted by sin

A. Fallen from the glorious relationship **Romans 3:23**

Born with the image of fallen man **Genesis 5:1 and 3**

B. Under the curse and condemnation of sin **Romans 6:23**

III. Man's redeemed state - restored as children of God

Galatians 3:26 For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

A. A Child's Spirit

1. New life created **2 Corinthians 5:17**

2. New nature - like our Father

B. A Child's Heart

1. We look to God for help -

We call out =croak, scream, cry out

2. We cry with intimacy - **Abba father**

Abba is also Father but on a personal level

Jesus in garden of Gethsemane - **Mark 14:36**

Paul makes it the sign of our relationship with God

Romans 8:14-16 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 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. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

C. A Child's inheritance - Heirs of God

1. Heirs of all that is God's

To elder brother of prodigal son - "all I have is yours"

2. Co-heirs with Christ. **Romans 8:17**

How shall we live as Children of Christ?

Luke 1:74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

1. Serve God by serving His love for this world

2. Serve without fear

Our Father knows us, our strengths and weaknesses

3. Serve in holiness

Belonging totally to the Father

4. Serve in righteousness

Keeping a clear conscience with others

5. Serve all our days

There is sufficient strength in Christ

Christmas Events

December 24

5 pm- 6 pm

Candlelight Service

December 25

4:15 pm

Christmas Service