

Listening Guide, Pastor Frank R. Johnson
KEYWORDS OF GRACE: "ADOPTION"
Galatians 4:1-6; Romans 8:23-26

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.

I. ADOPTION EMPHASIZES THE _____ AND _____ STATUS OF GOD'S CHILDREN.

1. *This word picture highlights the change of legal _____ before God at the point of conversion to Christ.*

2. *This word picture also stresses the motivation of God: His _____ for His people. See Ephesians 1:4-5.*

II. ADOPTION ENCOMPASSES BOTH A "NOW" AND A "_____ - _____" ELEMENT.

1. **Now**, we have entered God's _____ and are entitled to all the blessings of such a relationship. See Galatians 4:1-6.

a. This is like going from being a _____ to being a son. Galatians 4:1-3

b. This is accomplished by the timely work of _____. Galatians 4:4

c. This is applied to our lives by the _____ of God, Who cries out within our hearts, "Abba! Father!" Galatians 4:5 (cf. Romans 8:15-17)

d. This gives us a settled expectation of future _____ as "heirs of God." Galatians 4:6

2. **In the future**, God will complete this work by bringing our _____ life into line with His eternal purposes of redemption. See Romans 8:23-26.

a. Our present experience of God's grace and purpose is _____, not complete.

b. Our future prospect generates a spirit of _____ and eager expectation in our hearts.

c. In the meantime, God sustains us through the intercession of His _____ on our behalf.

TAKE IT HOME (APPLICATIONS)