**Sermon Notes**

**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

**“In Christ You Are All Sons of God Through Faith”**

**Galatians 3: 26**

**The believer’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God is the truth that God brings us to in His word this morning.**

**The remedy that God intends to use to call the Galatians back to the true gospel is the deep theological truths of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Thinking deeply about the wonderful work and plan of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel has been Paul’s medicine for the Galatians.**

**In order to show the Galatians – and us - that they/we are truly His because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus alone, God brings us to the doctrine of adoption.**

**The reality of belonging to God as a child is something that already exists for those who are in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by faith. It is final and certain for Christian.**

**If \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ am in Christ, by faith, the reality of belonging to God is a reality that is already mine.**

**Sinful men and sinful women who repent of their sin are sons and daughters of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Paul chose to tell the Galatian churches – made up of both men and women - that they were all “sons” of God through faith because in the historical context to be a son meant privilege that was unique and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Paul is saying that the status of all Christians – both men and women who have been adopted into God’s family – now enjoy all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, obligations, and inheritance rights as God’s children by virtue of their faith.**

**To the Galatians who live in patriarchal society and context where women were seen as lesser: less honorable, having less rights and less privileges - God is saying that in Christ a daughter is just as a son in terms of rights, privileges, and the inheritance that come with belonging to God as His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. These are not restricted to them in the gospel in the way it was in their cultural context.**

**It is delightful enough that God would - as judge - bang the gavel and declare us ‘not guilty’ because of Christ. But He does even more than that: He brings us into His family. He adopts us and becomes our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ making us His own, though we were once – all of us – decidedly not His own (1 Peter 2: 9-10).**

**The great good truth of the doctrine of adoption is that there was nothing in me that would draw or commend myself to God and yet He still wills to make me His son or daughter through the work of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**We do ourselves no good – and lost people who need to be saved no good – when we water down, trivialize, or minimize what the Bible tells us about the reality of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and rebellion against God and who we are apart from God in our lives.**

***“You\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God”* are the greatest words that could ever be said to someone.**

**The work of your salvation and all that God wants to do in you and for you didn’t stop the day you were saved. It’s over the years of your walk with Christ that you begin to understand and see Him as father and all that means.**

**The honors, rights, and privileges of being adopted by God’s family:**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ must have faith to be adopted as a child of God.**

**It is by faith alone in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ alone that makes a sinner a child of God.**

*Blanks: adoption; gospel; God; faith; Christ; I; God; exclusive; privileges; child; father; Jesus; sin; belong; I; Jesus;*

Congregational Scripture Reading – John 1: 12 – 13

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.