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Our Adoption Explained
Galatians Part 8

Gal. 4:1-7

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5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."



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Paul then reminds the believers of three facts:

1. What We Were

We Were In Bondage

a. Bondage to sin

Rom. 6:17

"But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered."

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- 1. What We Were Were In Bondage
- a. Bondage to sin
- b. Bondage to law

Gal. 3:24

"Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith"

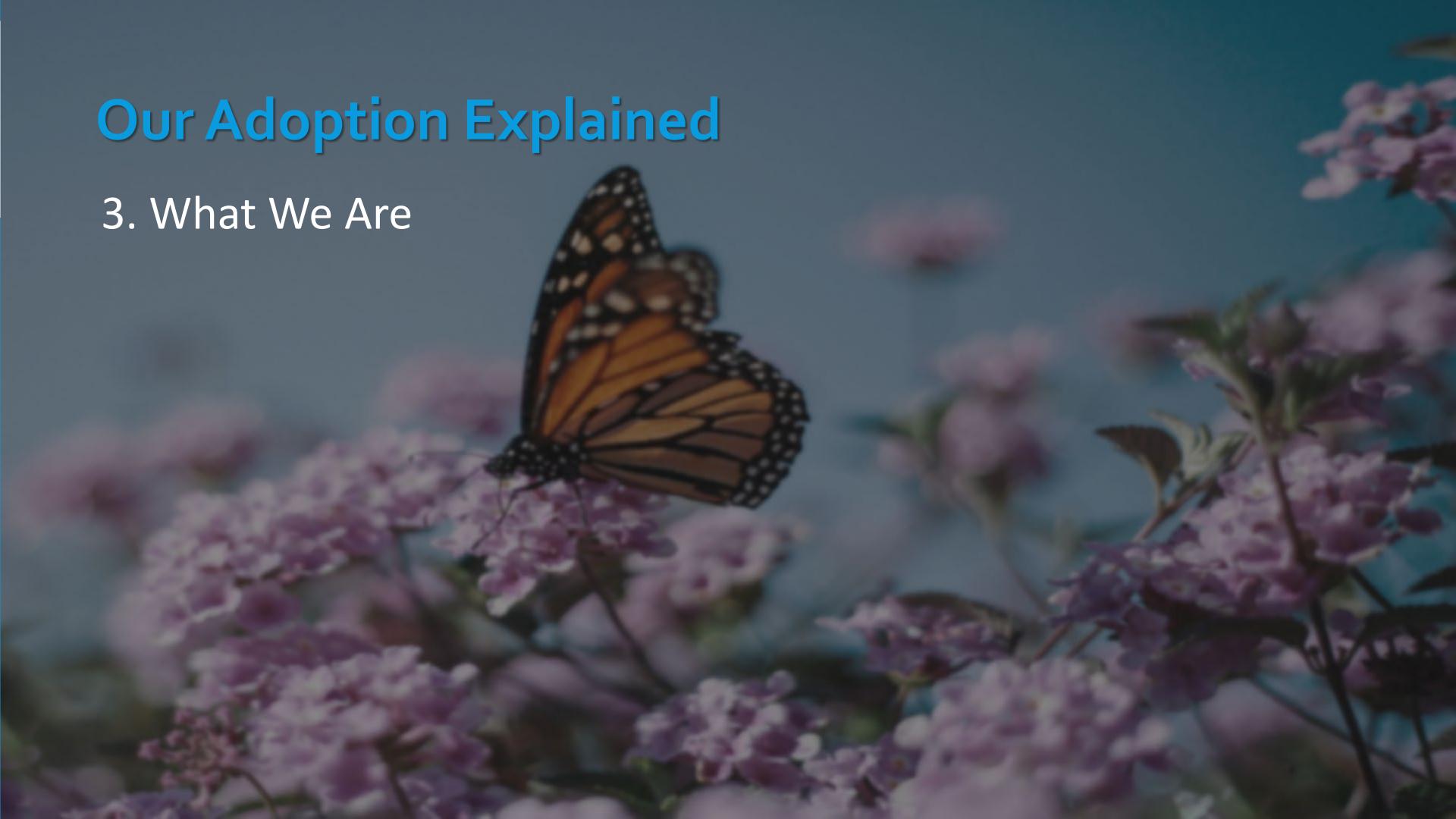


Gal. 4:4-5

"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."







Gal. 4:6-7

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3. What We Are

We are Sons and Heirs

a. The son has a similar nature of the father, while the servant does not

2 Peter 1:4

"by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

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Our Adoption Explained John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments"

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- d. The son is rich, while the servant is poor
- e. The son has a future, while the servant does not

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2. What God Did

3. What We Are