

Dr. Baucom continues his sermon series **All in the Family (of God)** this week with **Children & Heirs** based on **Galatians 3:23-4:7**.

1. According to Investopedia.com, an heir is a *“person who inherits some or all of the estate of a recently deceased person. The legal successor is usually selected because they are related to the deceased by a direct bloodline or have been designated in a will or by a legal authority.”* *

- Have you ever inherited something? What was it?
- What was the relationship between you and the one making the bequest?
- How did it feel to inherit something?
- How did it make you feel about the relationship you shared with the one who made the bequest?

2. **Read and reflect on Galatians 3:26-4:7.** Sit with the passage for several minutes. Read it again, slowly and reflectively. Then re-read and focus on **3:26-7 & 29; 4:6-7**.

- Reflect on the idea that you are a child of God. Close your eyes and imagine yourself in the arms of your loving Father, receiving his embrace.
- How do you feel?
- How might this relationship change your own self-image?
- How could it affect your relationship with God?
- What do you understand your inheritance will be?

Easton’s 1897 Bible Dictionary defines **Adoption** as the *giving to any one the name and place and privileges of a son who is not a son by birth*.

3. Read the following verses for an understanding of how we become children of God:

- ❑ **John 1:9-13**
- ❑ **Romans 8:14-17, 23**
- ❑ **Ephesians 1:4-6**

- What have you learned?
- What do you understand is God’s role in the adoption process?
- What do we need to do if we want to become children of God?

4. In **1 John 3:1-3**, what deeper understanding do you receive about being a child of God?

5. Read the following verses, what do they say to you concerning your inheritance as a child of God?

- ❑ Hebrews 9:15-17
- ❑ Matthew 25:34
- ❑ Acts 26:18
- ❑ Revelations 21:7
- ❑ Matthew 19:20

6. Read **1 Peter 1:3-6** to gain a deeper understanding of the inheritance God has for you. What did he reveal to you?

Pray with your ignition group members giving thanks for the inheritance you share as children of God.

* *Investopedia.com..*