

BEHOLD THE GOD WHO LOVES

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This Christmas, receive and relish three glorious gifts of sonship from your Father who loves you...

The Gift of Redemption – You are fully forgiven!

The Gift of Adoption – You have a forever family!

The Gift of Inheritance – You have a secure future!

Be sure of your place in God's family by trusting in Jesus alone for salvation today!

Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God! John 1:12

(See also John 3:16, Romans 10:9-13, 1 John 5:11-13)

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- Meditate on Galatians 4:1-7 and Romans 8:14-17. Memorize Romans 8:1.
- Read Spurgeon's message on "The Joint Heirs and Their Divine Portion" – www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-joint-heirs-and-their-divine-portion/#flipbook/
- Listen to "O Come all ye Unfaithful" – www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-QHbpYjulg
- Listen to "Silent Night (Heavenly Peace)" – www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0hBbi_3ONk
- Listen to "Crown Him (Christmas)" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=snJcqpBNyIU
- Listen to a group of prisoners sing "No Longer Slaves" – www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDnA_coA168
- Read an advent devotional such as *Joy to the World* by Spurgeon or *Come Let us Adore Him* by Paul David Tripp or *Uncovering Mercies at the Manger* by Kim Sorgius (great option for families).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that stood out to you from the message?
2. What's a Christmas gift you received that you returned in order to get something better?
3. Since you have come to know the grace of God through Jesus, have you ever been tempted to feel like you must still earn acceptance from God through your works? Explain.
4. Read Galatians 3:1-3. Based on these verses, how might you describe the problem in Galatia?
5. Read Galatians 2:21. In your own words, explain what this verse means to you.
6. As we talked about the three gifts of sonship, which one meant the most to you – redemption, adoption, or inheritance? Why?
7. Read Psalm 73:23-26. What do we learn about our inheritance in these verses?
8. How might you encourage someone who feels like God won't forgive them for a specific sin they have committed?
9. We have now focused on the theme "Behold Him" for 5 Sundays. What is something you have seen/learned about Jesus in this season that you don't want to forget?
10. In your own words, share your "Cinderella story" of salvation – how did God save you from slavery and give you a place in his royal family?