

**“Christmas Gifts for You!”
(Galatians 4:5-7)
(God’s Timing for the Birth of Jesus, Part 3)**

Finding the right gift for someone can be a challenge. God knows the perfect gifts we need, and because Jesus came, we are able to have these wonderful gifts!

The Gift of Redemption (5a)

“... to REDEEM those who were under the law”

The Gift of Adoption (5b)

“... that we might receive the ADOPTION of sons”

The Gift of His Spirit (6)

“And because you are sons, God sent forth the SPIRIT OF HIS SON into your hearts crying Abba, Father!”

The Gift of His Provision (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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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: What was one of your favorite Christmas gifts as a kid?

Discussion Questions

1. When did you receive God’s gift of redemption? How did that special gift change your life?
2. The gift of “adoption” means that God chose you! Share why this gift is so important, and what it means to you personally.
3. How is the Holy Spirit a “foretaste” of the blessings that God has in store for us for all eternity?
4. How can we call God by such an endearing term, “Daddy” (“Abba”), but still have a proper awe and respect of Him?
5. What are some of the wonderful riches we have right now because we are God’s children and His heirs through Christ? What difference should these riches make in our daily lives?

Small Group/Family Prayer Time

Start each prayer by thanking God for one or more of His gifts of redemption, adoption, and the Holy Spirit in your heart.

Digging Deeper

1. Memorize Galatians 4:4-5 and then share these two special verses with at least one person on Christmas eve or Christmas day! You might also want to share why these verses are special to you.
2. Try to better appreciate what it means to be “adopted” into God’s family by thinking about these verses: Rom 8:15, 23 and Eph 1:3-5. How can we HAVE the adoption now, but also be “eagerly waiting” for our adoption (Rom 8:23)? How was Israel adopted (Rom 9:4)?
3. List some of the riches you have in Christ according to these verses: Eph 1:7; 2:7; Phil 4:19; Rom 2:4; Col 2:2-3 and Jas 2:5. Look over this list and give God thanks for each of these blessings.