

Title: What kind of son are you? Part 1
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Word

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ 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**. 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.

Ephesians 1:5

having predestined us to **adoption as sons** by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of **adoption** by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

The prodigal son (Luke 15)

Father had 2 sons

Actually story of 3 sons

1. Younger son (v11-16) -Rebellious (self focus)
2. Older son (v25-32) Religious (sacrifice focus)
3. Reborn son (v17-24) - God's righteousness

What kind of son are you?

Romans 8:19

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

1. True sons are born again

Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

2. True sons are affirmed

Matthew 3:16-17

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

3 A's of affirmation:

- AFFECTION: "This is My beloved..."
- ACCEPTANCE: "This is My beloved Son..."
- APPROVAL: "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

3. True sons are secure

Luke 15:22

"But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

1. IDENTITY (robe) = who you are.
2. AUTHORITY (ring) = what you can do.
3. DESTINY (sandals) = where you are going.