

# BIG GIFT CHRISTMAS

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## *The Gift of Adoption*

### **Introduction**

“<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.” (Galatians 4:4-7, ESV)

### **1. The Image of Adoption**

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## 2. Two Implications

*Fully Accepted*

*Highest Honor*

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### Digging Deeper into the Big Gifts of Christmas

This week's passages:

Monday – Galatians 4:4-7

Tuesday – Exodus 4:22, Psalm 2

Wednesday – Galatians 3

Thursday – Ephesians 1

Friday – 2 Corinthians 6

Weekend – Review the most meaningful passages of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day's passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of what God's word says about our adoption, obedience, and life in Jesus. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. Read the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. Record or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. Reflect and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. Respond by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word ("*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*" James 1:22).