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Father: "Blessed be you, oh God, who has taken from me the responsibility of this boy."

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Son: "O my God, and God of my fathers, on this solemn and sacred day which marks my passage from boyhood to manhood, I humbly raise my eyes unto you and declare with sincerity and truth that, henceforth, I will keep Thy commandments and undertake to bear the responsibility of my actions toward you."

"Basic Forces"

They would deceive you into believing

- 1) You don't need God**
- 2) You can't trust God**

But when the fullness of time came:

**God the Pursuer sent His Son,
That he might redeem those under the law**

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace..."

Ephesians 1:7

"Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.'"

John 8:34

**Jesus redeemed us,
That we might receive adoption as sons**

**"...he predestined us for adoption to himself
as sons through Jesus Christ, according to
the purpose of his will, to the praise of his
glorious grace, with which he has blessed us
in the Beloved."**

Ephesians 1:5-6

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God..."

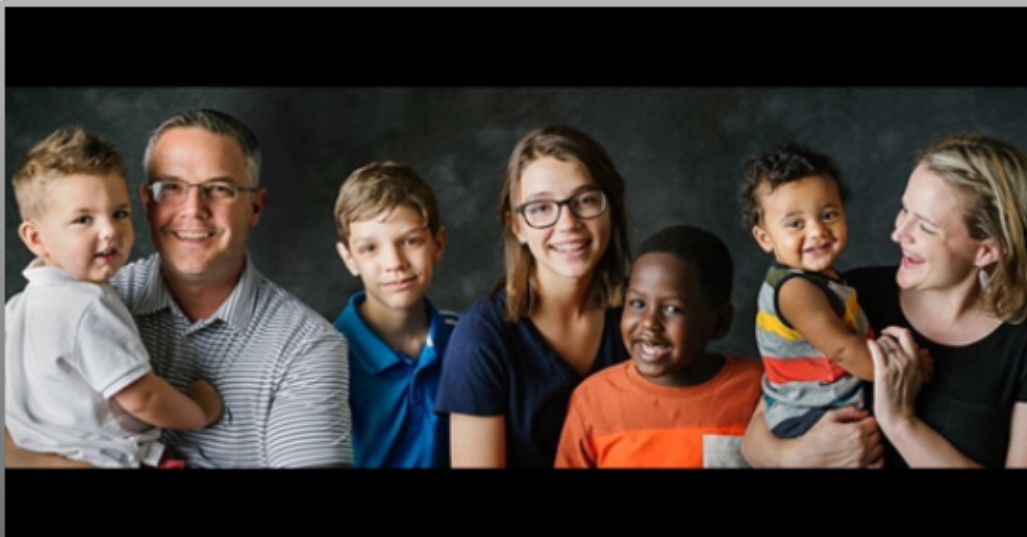
Romans 8:15-16

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

Galatians 4:4-5

"In adoption, God takes us into his family and fellowship—he establishes us as his children and heirs. Closeness, affection and generosity are at the heart of the relationship. To be right with God the Judge [justification] is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father [adoption] is a greater."

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"But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?"

Galatians 4:9

We have come to be known by God

Don't turn back

Things we turn back to:

- 1) Leave us unsure of the love of God**
- 2) Leave us prideful or in despair**
- 3) Move us toward tribalism and away from unity**

In not turning back we can

- 1) Rest in our identity as the children of God**
- 2) Seek to be humble and hopeful**
- 3) Remember that your brothers and sisters actually are your brothers and sisters.**

How can we reflect the adopting love of God in our generation?