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# Ephesians 1:3–6

- **3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
- **4** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love
- **5** he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,
- **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

## Galatians 4:4–7

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

# Romans 8:15–19

- **15** 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!”
- **16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
- **17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.
- **18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
- **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

## Romans 8:26–27

- **26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.
- **27** And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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## Romans 8:22–23

- **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.
- **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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# Ephesians 5:1

- **1** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

- God desires to have a personal relationship with us every day.

