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January 7th	Intro Overview	Bible Study
January 14th	Revelation	Galatians 1:11-24
January 21st	Justification	Galatians 2:1-2:21
January 28th	Adoption	Galatians 3:1-4:31
February 4th	Liberation	Galatians 5:1-15
February 11th	Sanctification	Galatians 5:16-23
February 25th	Mortification	Galatians 5:24-26
March 3rd	Reconciliation	Galatians 6:1-16
March 10th	Perseverance	Galatians 6:17-18
March 24th	Preservation	Galatians 1:1-10

Galatians 3:26-29, 4:4-7

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Adoption IOI

- υιοθεσία (huiiothesia) – adoption
- υιος (uios) son / θυγάτηρ (thygatēr) daughter
- τιθημι (tithēmi) to put/place

- **Greco-Roman Legal Transaction – the immediate change of familial status**
 - Disavowal of old familial identity
 - Surrender of property
 - Renunciation of personal autonomy
 - Surrender to authority/discipline of father
 - Receive full inheritance rights
 - Enjoy legal coverage and social status

Adoption 101

- The Doctrine

- a. We are trapped in slavery with orphan hearts
- b. Our debt of sin is unpayable
- c. Our despondency of soul is unshakable
- d. By faith, Jesus pays our debt and frees us
- e. Then God adopts us as daughters and sons
- f. The Spirit of adoption fills our orphan hearts
- g. We disavow our old identity and personal rights
- h. We receive a new status in Christ and the inheritance rights of Christ
- i. It's all grace, y'all!

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Christians believe God is personal.

1. God eternally lives in relationship as the Trinity.
2. Personal relationality is one of the deepest features of reality.
3. Humans are created in God's image and, thus, hardwired to give and receive love.
4. That's why Christians say God is love, the two Great Commands are relational, and salvation is explained with a metaphor like adoption.

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“[The young men I was encountering] struggled to relate to women. They didn’t have enough friends. They lacked long-term goals. Some guys — including ones I once knew — just quietly disappeared, subsumed into video games and porn or sucked into the alt-right and the web of misogynistic communities known as the “manosphere.” ... Young men everywhere were trying on new identities, many of them ugly, all gesturing toward a desire to belong.”

- Christine Emba

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I. Redemption from the slavery of sin.

Gal 4:4-5 - But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children.

2. You are included in the family of God.

3:26,29 - For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ... And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham.

3. The inheritance rights of Christ.

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