

***Saved by the Trinity - Galatians 4:4-7***  
**Notes, Family Worship, Bible Reading**

**Notes from the Sermon**

In the fourth chapter of Galatians, Paul is writing about the wonderful news that, in Christ, we are now sons (and daughters) of God. We once were far off and alienated from God with no access to him as those who have rebelled against him. Yet, God saw our helpless estate and came after us. What is more-God not only did something about our estrangement and sin, but he also went about it in a way where after saving us, he brings us into his family as adopted children.

The doctrine of adoption shows us that we are not only saved by the Trinity-meaning, he was the one who came after us. But we are also saved to the Trinity-meaning in our salvation, the greatest gift we get is God himself and access to him as beloved children.

This sermon is the culmination of a weekend of celebrating Genesis' 20th anniversary as Dr. Ronni Kurtz has tried to show how theology and our affections are closely tied together. This weekend, we have considered how looking at Christ in theology can actually help us to look like Christ in our lives. The weekend culminates with trying to show how one doctrine-the doctrine of the Trinity-actually matters for the Christian life. In so doing, Dr. Kurtz said that the doctrine of the Trinity is not just one doctrine amongst others in the Christian faith, but is the very substance of the Christian faith since this is the doctrine which is about God himself. Here was the structure of the sermon for review:

In the first section, salvation from the triune God, I will cover three points:

1. Fullness of time
2. Born under the law
3. Salvation from all three persons of the Trinity

In the second section, salvation to the triune God, I will cover two points:

1. The doctrine of adoption
2. Seeing God as the goal of all things

**Bible Reading for the Week**

**Daily Bible Readings**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Micah 4	Micah 5	Micah 6	Micah 7	Nahum 1	Nahum 2	Nahum 3

Reading from this past week's sermon: Judges 15:1-20

Reading in preparation for this coming Sunday: Galatians 4:4-7

## Family Worship

Song - *King of Kings*

<https://youtu.be/Of5lcFWiEpg?si=85kbfDPKyNnhQX-e>

### Gospel Project

Unit: Jesus' Ministry Began

Story: Jesus was Tempted

Big Picture Question: Is Jesus God or human?

Answer: Jesus is fully God and fully human.

Scripture: Matthew 4

### New City Catechism

Question 15: Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

Answer: That we may know the holy nature of God, and the sinful nature of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior.

Verse: Romans 3:20

### Galatians 4:4-7

- What is your relationship to "theology" in general? Do you see theology as an avenue to stir your affections for Christ or does it have a bad association for one reason or another?
- Outside of the doctrine of adoption, what are ways thinking about the Trinity helps you love the Lord more?
- Consider together the beauty that is being adopted into God's family. Why is this doctrine a grace laced dagger against self-doubt? How can this doctrine lead to assurance and worship?

### Prayer

\*Give thanks for 20 years of ministry and mission for Genesis, and pray for many more years of mercy and grace for our church.

\*Pray that God would give you a deeper understanding of theology and therefore a growing love for the Trinitarian God.