

The Son, the sons, and the Spirit of His Son

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[0:01] Let's begin our worship now, and we're singing firstly this evening from Psalm 93. Psalm 93 in the Sing Psalms version. That's on page 123.

Tune is Stroudwater. The Lord is King, His throne endures majestic in its height. The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength and might. The world is founded firm and sure, removed it cannot be.

Your throne is strong and you are God from all eternity. Words that are so familiar to us, I'm sure, regarding God's own sovereignty and kingship and majesty and how our faith in Him is founded on the certainty of His own being.

Psalm 93, then we'll sing the whole psalm. The Lord is King. The Lord is King, His throne endures majestic in His height.

The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength and might.

[1:28] The world is founded firm and sure, removed it cannot be.

Your throne is strong and you are God from all eternity.

The Lord is King, some parties and you are God from all eternity. The Lord, O Lord, have lifted up. They lifted up their voice.

The seas have lifted up their waves and made a mighty noise.

The Lord, enthroned on highest star, more powerful is He than thunder on the ocean's waves, are breakers of the sea.

[3:07] Your royal statutes, Lord, stand fair, and changing is Your word, and holiness adores Your hearts for endless days, O Lord.

Let's unite now in prayer. Let's call upon the Lord in prayer. O Lord, our gracious God, we give thanks for the many times Your Word directs us to Your greatness.

We marvel how often Your Word directs us to Your greatness as it is directed to the well-being of Your people, even in their practical necessities from day to day.

We thank You for these great words that have reminded us of Your majesty and Your glory, and yet also of Your concern and interest in Your people. And we bless You that You remain with Your people in all Your might throughout all their history and on into eternity.

We thank You tonight, Lord, that we can take our comfort and that we can take our strengthening and confirmation from the many things that You have revealed of Yourself in Your steadfastness, in Your greatness and kindness.

[4:42] We thank You that there is none like You, that You are above all that You have created, and that we are answerable to You. And, O Lord, we give thanks that You have revealed to us especially the concern You have in Your people so as to provide them with a Savior who is Christ the Lord.

Lord, O God, we approach You tonight in His name, for we are assured that as we come in His name and trusting in His name, we will be received by You.

We will continue, O Lord, to be received in Your presence. We have access into that grace in which we stand in Christ. And we give thanks for all that is associated with that access tonight.

Not only an access by which we come to pray to You, but an access in which we would draw our strength from You. An access to, O Lord, in which we would seek Your own teaching of us with regard to that relationship Your people have with You.

Bless to us, Lord, again, Your Word. We give thanks for Your Word. We give thanks for its entirety. We give thanks for the variety of teaching within it. We bless You for the various doctrines that are contained in it, that hold, that are held precious by Your people down through history.

[6:00] And we thank You, O Lord, that many of these doctrines are foundational to our faith, foundational to the Christian faith itself. We bless You, O Lord, that You have revealed them to us so that we might not only appreciate them, but also hold to them and defend them and come to prize them dearly in the presence of a world and in the presence of every attempt from whatever source to undermine them, to overthrow them, to challenge them.

We ask tonight, Lord, Your blessing to be with us again as a congregation. We thank You for every evidence of Your blessing, for Your kindness toward us and for the encouragements You give us as You accompany the Gospel with so many signs of Your blessing.

We thank You, Lord, for all who attended this morning, for all who attended the club and came from that to attend the service this morning, for all the young people, the children who attended, and we pray for them.

We pray that all of our efforts, Lord, might prove by Your blessing to be of much benefit to us as a congregation, much benefit to us as parents and grandparents, but especially to the children themselves.

We thank You, Lord, again this evening for all who dedicate of their time and of the gifts that You have given them so as to run such clubs for us and who show their enthusiasm in seeking to involve our children in those activities that present the Gospel and that speak of the wonder of Christ Jesus and His salvation.

[7:40] and we pray that You would continue, Lord, to bless all that we seek to do in Your name. We give thanks for the many different talents that we find within the congregation.

We know, Lord, how these are harnessed for the good of Your cause, and we pray that You'll continue to bring others to dedicate themselves and to help with the work of the Gospel.

and we thank You that whatever gifts You have given us, we are to use them, Lord, for the glory of Your name wherever we are placed. And we thank You that even though we may not be able to be like others, able to speak, able to present the Gospel in that verbal way, we thank You for those who quietly go about their own life of dedication to You and especially accompany all that we do with their prayers and with their concern that the Lord would be magnified.

So bless us, Lord, we pray this evening and bless all who belong to us. We commend to You our families, our homes, our relations, and our neighbors. We pray, O Lord, that we may be truly a means of light to the world in which we live, that we may be like that city set on a hill as Your Word describes You people.

And we ask that You would make us even the more effective in the world in which You have placed us. O Lord, deepen our concern, we pray, for that world and its lostness, for those around us who don't care for the Gospel, for their own lives, for their souls' well-being.

[9:18] We ask that You would fill us with increased compassion and concern for them. And we pray, O Lord, that You would come in these days that belong to our generation and show Yourself to be a saving God, the God who is mighty to save, the God who delivers from darkness, from the ways and the ravages of sin.

And we ask that that might be the case not only throughout the communities we belong to here in our own localities, but throughout our land, Lord, and throughout the world. O that Your kingdom may advance, that Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, that Your great name be glorified and exalted, that we may see You manifesting Your power and Your glory once again to the conversion of many to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ and to come to cry to You out of a concern to be saved.

Gracious Lord, will You not hear the crying of Your people who faithfully come to seek that blessing by which Your Spirit from on high will be poured forth as in other days in the past.

And bless, we pray, in all the ways in which we are reminded of these days, not only in Your Word, but in the history that we have ourselves as a community, where in days gone by the breath of Your Spirit came upon us as a people and turned many to righteousness.

O Lord, hear us, we pray, in times that are so darkened by the ways of sin, by ungodliness, by a desire only to follow the ways of the world and of the human will.

[11:00] And we ask, O Lord, our God, that You would come and manifest Your power and Your greatness. We pray Your blessing on all gatherings of Your people tonight. We pray that throughout the world we may have accounts, O Lord, of many being touched by Your Spirit and turned into the ways of righteousness.

We pray for those who rule over us in government. Lord, our God, be merciful to them. We know that so few of them, all too few, make any public declaration of faith and trust in the Lord.

That some even follow other religions which we know are contrary to the gospel and cannot ever bring to human souls the satisfaction that we require and the righteousness that You require.

Lord, our God, be pleased to bless those who rule over us and come and visit them with Your own salvation from on high and may even during these days to come as we prepare for the remembering of the entrance of the Lord of glory into human life and into the circumstances of this world, Lord, may these things themselves prove to be a means of giving people room for thought deliberation and reflection and thoughts upon their relationship to God to eternity.

I grant Your blessing too, we pray, for all who give good counsel to those in government and for all the agencies and those of our members of Parliament and MSPs who do fear Your name and who seek to be faithful to You.

[12:38] O Lord, remember them, we pray, and remember their efforts as they seek to speak against measures that we know are intended measures that we know are not in accordance with Your will and indeed at many times are contrary to it.

We're pleased to encourage them, we pray, and add to their number both locally and internationally. We ask Your blessing to be tonight with those who have personal difficulties and trials and anxieties.

we think of those who belong to ourselves as a congregation in particular. We ask too that You would draw near to those whose hearts at this time of year are heavy through recent bereavement or through loss of loved ones in the past.

Lord, we know how difficult this time of year can be more so than many other times for those who live on their own, for those who feel isolated and lonely and for those who miss loved ones.

Lord, we ask that Your own blessed presence might be made known to them and that they may come to learn that their trust in You more and more is to be a trust that will not be put to shame but that You will be their God and they will be Your people.

[13:49] So draw many to Yourself, we pray, at this time. Be pleased to bless those who watch online and participate that way in our services here. We thank You that we receive, Lord, many messages from different parts of the world whereby people tell us of the benefits they receive from gospel services here in this congregation and many others.

We thank You for the encouragement that gives us and for the way, Lord, in which we find it proved to our own hearts that the Lord is God, that He is good, that He is merciful, that He is gracious.

And so bless us now as we continue to wait upon You here, hear our prayers, and pardon our sins for Jesus' sake. Amen. We're going to sing again to God's praise this time.

We're singing from Psalm 90. Psalm number 90, that's in the Scottish Psalter. I'm singing verses 13 to 17. That's on page 350.

The tune this time is Kilmarnock. Psalm 90 at verse 13. Turn yet again to us, O Lord, how long thus shall it be?

[15:04] Let it repent Thee now for those that servants are to Thee. All with Thy tender mercies, Lord, us early satisfy. So we rejoice, shall all our days, and still be glad in Thee.

So these verses through to the end of the psalm to God's praise. Amen. Turn yet again to us, O Lord, how long thus shall it be?

Let it repent Thee now for those that servants are to Thee.

O with Thy tender mercies, Lord, as they're we satisfy.

So we rejoice, shall all our days, and still be glad in Thee.

[16:31] According as the days have been, wherein we grieve, and years wherein we ill are seen, so do thou lay the sky.

O let Thy work and power appear, Thy servants based before, and show unto their children dear, Thy glory evermore.

And let the beauty of the Lord, our God be as upon.

our holy words, He's established them, He's established them, each one.

Now let's turn to read God's Word. I'm reading tonight this in the letter to the Hebrews, and the first chapter of Hebrews. We're going to have our study in Paul's letter to the Galatians, chapter 4, but in preparation for that, we'll read this chapter in Hebrews, which also has to do with the Lord Jesus Christ in particular.

[18:34] So Hebrews chapter 1 at the beginning, Long ago at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets. But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world.

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, You are my Son, today I have begotten you? Or again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son.

And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, Let all God's angels worship Him. Of the angels, He says, He makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire.

But of the Son, He says, Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

[19 : 54] Therefore, God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions. And you, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

They will perish, but you remain. They will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up. Like a garment they will be changed, but you are the same, and your years will have no end.

And to which of the angels has He ever said, Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet. Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Once again, may the Lord bless to us that reading of His Word to His own praise. We'll turn now to sing again, this time in Psalm 45. Psalm 45a.

And you'll find that on page 56, verses 1 to 6. As we read in Hebrews chapter 1, words from this psalm are quoted there in respect to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and His person and kingship and His throne.

[21 : 14] And so we'll sing to the tune Loch Brum, verses 1 to 6. A noble theme inspires my heart with verses for the King. My tongue's a skillful writer's pen composing lines to sing.

You far excel the best of men. Your lips are full of grace. For God has blessed you evermore as light shines on your face. O mighty one, take up your sword and bind it on your thigh.

With glorious splendor clothe yourself and with your majesty. Ride forth in state victoriously for meekness, truth and right. Let your right hand display your deeds of awesome power and might.

Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of those who hate the King and all the nations of the earth into subjection bring. Your royal throne, O God, will last throughout eternity.

Your kingdom's scepter will be one of truth and equity. And these words, of course, speaking of riding forth prosperously, having in his hand these sharp arrows to pierce the hearts of the enemies of the King, all of that is, of course, full of spiritual meaning for us whenever we pray the Lord's Prayer, when we pray, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

[22 : 37] It's essentially this that we're praying for, that Jesus, in his might and in his majesty, would display his power in the extending of his kingdom and the conversion of people like ourselves to subjection willingly to himself.

So we'll sing verses 1 to 6, A Noble Theme Inspires My Heart. A Noble Theme Inspires My Heart With Verses for the King My Tongues My Tongues A Skillful Writer's Composing Lines To Sing You've had excelled The best of men Your lips are full of grace For God has blessed you evermore His light shines on your face

O mighty one Take up your sword And by the throne you'll die With glorious splendor Clothe yourself And with your majesty Ride forth in state Victoriously Our meekness, truth, and right Let you write and display Your deeds Of awesome power and light Let you share

In the hearts Of those who hate the King And all the nations of the air In the hearts Into subjection Your royal throne O God will last Throughout eternity Your kingdom Your kingdom Scepter Will be one Of truth And equity Please turn with you now To Paul's letter to the Galatians

And chapter 4 And chapter 4 The letter to the Galatians Chapter 4 We're going to be looking at Verses 4 to 7 But we'll read from the beginning Of the chapter there Verse 1 I mean that the heir As long as he is a child Is no different from a slave Though he is the owner Of everything But he is under guardians And managers Until the date set By his father In the same way We also When we were children Were enslaved To the elementary principles Of the world 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 And because you are sons God has sent the spirit Of his son Into your hearts Crying Abba Father So you are no longer A slave But a son

[27:07] And if a son Then an heir Through God This is a remarkable Combination in these verses Verses 4 to 7 Especially Of an emphasis On the son of God On Jesus the son On the sons of God Those who are adopted To be God's children God's sons And on the spirit Of the son And on the spirit Of the son The son of God The son The sons And the spirit Of the son Are all wonderfully Combined In this Marvelous Set of verses And it reminds us And it reminds us Even by that Itself That in our Christian faith One of our Most important Factors To remember Is that we Have a Trinitarian Faith A faith In which God Is presented To us In his word As one God

But three persons The father The son And the spirit Each of whom Is involved In our redemption In their own Particular way And yet not At the expense Of the others It's a wonderful Harmonious Combination Of the persons Of the Godhead As one God Acting in these ways That scripture reveals In our redemption In our salvation That makes the Christian Faith unique It makes what we have As a basis Of our Of our Religion Of our faith Unique Amongst all The religions And ideologies Of the world And these are things That we have to Prize and hold On to very dearly Because they form Part really Of the nucleus Or of the very Essence of the Christian faith That God Is triune That the three Persons of the Godhead Act in their own Way And relate to Each other In these ways In which the

Scripture Reveals to us Now here in Chapter 3 And on into Chapter 4 Paul is really Dealing with the Age that led up To the coming Of Christ And it's not easy The way he sometimes Speaks of being Enslaved and so on He's talking of That age as a Preparatory age So that in preparing For the coming Of Christ That age of The Old Testament Or most of the Old Testament Was an age of The law The law of God Particularly And how during Those centuries Of being Under the Instruction of The law And as he Puts it here Under the Guardianship of The law If you like Until the Time came When the Son of God Would come Into the world As promised Down through The years of The Old Testament And that's what Brings us here To verse 4 That age Leading up to That was Dominated by The law And now he Says when The fullness Of the time

Had come God sent Forth his Son And by Fullness of The times There is not So much Talking chronologically But fullness In the times Of the fullness Of the time In God's Plan In God's Plan of Redemption In God's Plan as he Had set out The various Aspects of Revealing himself As the Redeemer of His people All of these Events down Through the Old Testament As they Were preparatory For this Final age Of fulfillment It finally Came The fullness Of the time Came The time Of fulfillment Came And therefore Then Jesus The Son of God Jesus Came Into the World As promised And I want To just look Briefly at These three Points that I Mentioned at The beginning There The Son The Son's And the Spirit of The Son As these Verses Combine them So wonderfully Together See what he's Saying first Of all About the Son When the

Fullness Of time Or the Fullness Of the Times Had come God Sent forth His Son Now of Course you See from That That the Son is Distinguished From God Not because The Son Is not God But elsewhere From the Bible You learn That sometimes When God Is mentioned In relation To the Son It's God The Father That's Specifically Referred to And so you Take that With you Into this Kind of Verse here When the Fullness Of the Time Had come God That's God The Father Sent forth His Son And it's Important to us As well as we Said at the Beginning to Retain the Bible's own Emphasis on What each Of the Persons of The Godhead Do or Have done And are Doing in Our Redemption That's what Brings glory To God That each Of these Persons Have their Own role In our Redemption And we Don't do Justice to That revelation If for Example we Were just Going to Focus on Any one Of these Persons at

[32 : 08] The expense Of the Other two If we Were to Just spend Most of Our time Thinking of The Son Of God Of Jesus Christ Or of The Spirit Of God Or even Of the Father We need To keep Them in The Combination And in The proportion In which Their work Is revealed To us In the Bible In order To be True to God's Own revelation Of who He is And what He's about And why All of This is so Precious to Us So what He's saying Is he sent Forth his Forth his Own son Being sent Forth means To send On a Mission Especially Sending him Forth from Himself God the Father sent Him forth The son Who was The son From all Eternity The son Who is Like the Father God But his Purpose In sending Him forth Is that he Will actually Come to Redeem his People God in the

Fulness of The time Sent him Forth The father's Purpose Is to Bring about The adoption Of saved Sinners to Himself as His children And in order To bring That about He first of All sends His son His eternal Son into The world To do the Work that We know of In the Bible he Came to Do and Accomplished He sent Him forth From himself Into the World and It doesn't Leave us At all Doubtful As to The method He chose For him Coming into The world Or being Sent into The world Because he Says immediately He sent Forth his Son born Of a Woman Just a Few words But how Much is Packed into These few Words Where the Eternal Son of God Doesn't Change from Being the Eternal Son but He takes Something to Himself which He never Had before He takes Human nature

To himself He takes A true Body and A reasonable Soul as Our catechism Reminds us And it Literally means Here God Sent forth His son He came To be Born of A woman He came Into the Being The nature Of human Nature He took That to Himself He joined That to Himself To his Person as The son Of God God And that's The wonder Really that We stop Over so Many times And just Try and Give our Minds as Far as We are Able to That amazing Fact that The son Of God The eternal God Actually took Humanity to Himself and Became human In that sense In which he Lived as a Human being In this World In these Circumstances That you and I have And as we Live in This world Into the World of History and Of sense And the World of Human experience The world Of temptations

The world Of pains The world Of all The Bible Describes About him Especially in The gospels That he Confronted and Dealt with And experienced He is born He is sent Forth born Of a Woman As the Son of God He is God Divine But he is Also the Son of Mary He is Also the Son of A woman Who gave Birth to Him Who brought Him into The world Who nurtured Him Who nourished Him Who tended To his Needs As a Baby Human Child And that Itself should Make us Wonder That when You look Into the Bible's Description Of that Birth of Jesus And she Laid him Wrapped him In swaddling Clothes Laid him In a Manger What is She doing She is Actually Taking A very Person Of the Son of God And his Human Nature And laying Him In a Manger There was No room For them In the Inn And you

Stop over That and you Think well What is the Meaning of Christmas What do we Think about At Christmas Though it's Not only Just of Course at Christmas Time But that's The story Of Christmas That's the Fact of Christmas That's the Wonder of Christmas That the Eternal Son of God Came by Taking a Human Nature To be Born Into This World Who can Understand The God Who upholds The universe And continued To uphold The universe The Son of God Who is Himself The creator Of the Universe As much as The Father And the Spirit And yet There he is It is him It is he Himself In that Manger in Bethlehem Having come Into the World And placed Himself Deliberately Having been Sent forth By the Father He came Of his Own Volition As well To place Himself Willingly As a

[37:12] Servant Of the Father In his Conditions Of humility And of Service And he Did that For the Likes Of us What is Christmas To yourself And myself What is Jesus To yourself And myself What do you Think about When you Think about Jesus Do you Just think Of a Human Being Who was A remarkable Human Being An amazing Teacher Who went About doing The things That are Described In the Gospels And who Has so Much Theology Around Him As you Find in The epistles Of Paul And of John And of Peter But do You stop And wonder Who is This You go To the Likes Of Luke's Gospel We've seen This more Than once You go Right through Luke's Gospel And you'll Come at Different Stages To find Different People Asking This Question Who is This Man Who is He We just Can't Find Words To describe People are Saying Or to Actually Just

Understand How it Is That he Is As he Is Doing That he's Speaking As he's Speaking That he's Teaching As he's Speaking Some of Them So amazed Were saying Well and John's Gospel Is The same Is Not This The Carpenter Is Not This Jesus The son Of Mary And Joseph The parents We know For Ourselves Is This Not Who He Is How Has He Got This Wisdom Where Did He Get This Power From How Has He Managed To Do All Of These Miraculous Things Because He's The Son Of God Born By The Father Born Of A Woman And Made Under The Law Born Of A Woman But Also Born Under The Law In Other Words As He Came Into The World He Came To Subject Himself Willingly To Live In Obedience To The Will Of The Father And Indeed To Give Obedience

To The Law Of God And There's Another Remarkable Thing Who Gave The Law Who Gave Moses The Law Who Stipulated These Laws Of The Old Testament Age That Were Applicable To The Covenant People Of God And The Moral Law That's Really Applicable To All Of Human Life Who Gave These Laws Who Is The Law Giver He Is He Is And What's He Doing Here As He Comes To Be Born Of A Woman He Has Come To Be Born Under The Law He Came To Give Perfect Obedience To That Law And All The Way Through Every Description You Find Of In The Bible That Is What You Conclude About Him That Is What You Have To Say About Him That's What This Bible Says About Him At No Stage Was He Ever Disobedient Did He Ever Contravene The Law He Always Kept The Law Of God Most Perfectly Now Adam

As Paul Describes Him Adam Our First Parent The Covenant Head As God Created Him And As He Fell We Fell In Him As He Sinned We Sinned In Him And Fell With Him In His First Transgression We Needed Another Adam We Needed Another Head Another Federal Covenant Head We Needed One Who Would Not Fall And Yield To The Temptations Of The Devil Of The Serpent One Who Would Always Be True To The Law And Could Always Say Where Can You Find Sin In Me But Not Only That Yes He Yielded Obedience That Way To The Law Kept The Law Most Perfectly As The Last Adam But When You Go Back To Chapter 3 In Being Placed Under The Law He Came Willingly To Take The Penalty Of A

Broken Law The Penalty Of The Law That We Broke The Death That We Deserved Is What He Took To Himself You See What He Is Saying Here In Chapter 3 Where You Find These Amazing Words In Verses 13 And 14 Christ Redeemed Us From The Curse Of The Law By Becoming A Curse For Us For It Is Written Cursed Is Everyone Who Is Hanged On A Tree So That In Christ Jesus The Blessing Of Abraham Might Come To The Gentiles So That We Might Receive The Promised But He Is Saying This Is What He Was He Placed Himself Willingly This Is What The Father Sent Him Forth Into Ultimately Sent Him Forth To Die The Death Of The Cross And The Death Of The Cross Is Nothing Less Than The Curse Of The Law The Death Which The Broken Law Of God Required

[42:17] The Death Which Yielded Satisfaction To God's Justice Without Which We Were Not To Be Saved Could Not Be Saved That Is What You Find He Sent Forth His Son Born Of A Woman Born Under The Law Taking Our Place And Standing In Our Place As Our Substitute How Impossible It Is To Just Get Into Our Minds The Wonder Of That The Amazing Fact That The Son Of God Not Only Came Into This World As A Human Being And Was Born Of A Woman But Born Under The Law And Born Under The Law Subjected Himself Willingly To The Curse Of The Law Becoming A Curse For Us See How It's Put He Became He Became A Curse For Us God's Own

Penalty Laid Upon Him God's Own Curse The Death Which We Deserved The Lord Has Laid On Him Said The Prophet Isaiah Long Ago The Iniquity Of Us All Where Do You Find Your Predicament Dealt With Where Do You Find Your Guilt Dealt With As A Sinner As A Fallen Sinner Where Do You Find The Fact That You Are Guilty Of Breaking The Law Every Time You Have A Sinful Thought Where Do You Find An Answer To That Where Do You Find A Solution To That Where Do You Find Something That That's Provided For You Against That Great Fact Of Your Sin And Your Lostness And Your Guilt Well You Find It Here That God Instead Of Sending Us Forth Into A Lost Eternity As We Deserved He Sent Forth His Son Born Of A Woman Born Under The Law

That We Might Receive Instead Of The Curse We Deserved That We Might Receive The Adoption Of Sons That We Might Receive The Blessing Of Abraham Here Is Jesus Here Is The Son And He Goes On To Speak Of The Sons Because It Says As It Goes On Sent Forth The Son Born Of A Woman Born Under The Law To Redeem Those Who Were Under The Law So That We Might Receive Adoption As Sons You See The Way That Logically Is Following On From What He Said About The Son Himself The Son Came He Took The Place Of His People He Took The Law And Placed Himself Under The Law He Was Obedient To The Law He Bore The Curse Of The Law He Rendered Restitution To God He Satisfied The Justice Of God What Is All In Adolf What Does It Lead To So That We Might Receive Adoption As Sons To

Redeem Those Who Are Under The Law The Word Redemption As You Know It's An The Slavery And Here We Are Enslaved As We Are To Sin Enslaved Under The Influences Of Evil And Of Satan As We Are In Our Sselves And Especially As We Look At Ourselves As Fallen Sinners And As God Teaches Us The Power Of That Sin That We Are Actually Under The Dominance Of Sin I Know It's Difficult To Accept But That's The Reality God Is Telling Us Of In His Word How Is That Broken How Is The Power Of Sin Broken How Do We Come To Be Released From That Bondage From That Terrible Constriction Under The Enmeshment Of Sin As It Holds Us In Its Grasp We Come Because He Was Made

A Curse For Us So That We Might Be Redeemed Those Who Are Under The Law Bought Back To God That Is A Commercial Term In A Sense That Was Used In The Days Of The Apostles For Those Who Were Slaves And Bought And Sold As Slaves You Could Actually Have A Slave Bought At A Cost And Brought Into Your Home But Sometimes Especially In Well To Do Families Sometimes Where There Were No Children In The Family Sometimes That Slave Would Actually Become The Heir Headed The Estate Of The Person Who Had Initially Bought Them As A Slave And All Of That Is Packed Into The Theology Of This Word Redeem Because That's What God Did He Bought Us And The Price Of Buying Us Back From The Grip Of Sin Was What What Was The Price What Price What Did

[47:19] It Cost To Release Us To Buy Us To Redeem Us Well It Doesn't The Bible Make That Plain Many Times You Are Redeemed Says Peter Not With Corruptible Things Like Silver And Gold But By The Precious Blood Of Christ It Cost The Death Of Christ God Sent Forth His Son To That Purpose To That End Among Many Other Things That He Would Come To Redeem Those Who Are Under The Law That He Would Pay The Price Of His Own Life In Order To Bring Us Back To God How Precious Is That To You Tonight Where Is There Anything Else More Amazing Than That In Your Experience That The Son Of God Came Into This World To Rescue You And In Coming To Rescue That He Did It By Placing Himself Under The Law Not Only Becoming Human But Becoming To Be Regarded

As If He Were The Biggest Sinner Ever Bearing The Curse And Being Made The Curse So That He Might Redeem Us Bring Us Back To God And Ultimately Become Children Of God That He Might Redeem Us So That We Might Be Adopted You See The Redemption Leads Instantly To That We Might Receive Adoption As Sons When You Receive Something In That Sense From God It's A Free Gift You Didn't Buy Your Adoption Neither Did I You Didn't Buy Your Way Into Being Children And Sons Of God You Didn't Actually Make An Arrangement With God Yourself Where By Your Own Contribution Or The Quality Of Our Contribution By Our Own Obedience By The Quality Of The Life That We Lived Nothing Like That That You Actually Somehow Or Other Bought Or Purchased That Place In The Presence Of God By Which He Regarded You Now As

Acceptable And Righteous It Took The Blood Of Christ It Took The Death Of The Cross And The Death Of The Cross Is The Means Through Which We Are Redeemed And Then As Redeemed We Receive An Aspect Of Grace The Adoption Of Sons The Adoption Of Sons Made Children Sons Of God You See The Purpose Of Redemption In A Sense In This Way Is Adoption The Purpose Behind Redeeming Us Bringing Us Back To God Is Not Just To End Our Enslavement It's Not Just So That We Would No Longer Be Slaves It Goes Much Further Than That So That We Would Be Made Sons You Can Imagine In Some Way In Your Own Mind At Least In My Own Mind That It Might Be Sufficient That God Would Actually Do Something To Redeem Us

To Take Us Back From The Enslavement Of Our Sins And Leave It At That But That's Not Enough For God Because We Were Created By God In The Beginning To Be In Perfect Fellowship With Him To Have His Satisfaction In Us And Ours In Him And You Only Have That When You Are Adopted And Made Into Sons Of God By His Grace In His Favor Brought Back To Be What We Were Intended To Be To Be Sons Of God Children Of Our Heavenly Father And You See That's Why He Says Here It's Through God Redeem Those Who Are Under The Law So That We Might Receive Adoption As Sons And You Have That Through God Himself So There's The Son And There's The Sons And There's The Spirit

Of His Son And That's Another Dimension That He Now Adds To It Let's Read It Again From Verse 4 When The Fullness Of Time Had Come God Sent Forth His Son Born Of A Woman Born Under The Law To Redeem Those Who Are Under The Law So That We Might Receive Adoption As Sons And Because You Are Sons You See He's Now Thinking Of Them As Adopted Children Of God By His Grace Because You Are Sons God Has Sent The Spirit Of His Son That's The Holy Spirit The Spirit Of His Son Into Our Hearts Crying Abba Father Interesting Same Word Is Used Of The Spirit There As Was Used Of The Son In Verse 4 God Sent Forth His Son Now He's Saying Because You Are Son God Has Sent Forth The Spirit Of His Son Into Your Hearts And Again There's A Very Important Connection There It's Not Saying That Our

[52:22] Adoption Or Sending Forth The Spirit Is In Order That He Would Actually Make Us Sons Of God It's The Other Way Around It's Because God's People God's Children Because The Redeemed In Christ Are Already Sons Of God That Then He Says He Sent Forth His Spirit Into Their Hearts It's The Fact Of Their Adoption That Leads To The Fact Of Sending Forth The Spirit Into Their Hearts It's All Bound Up Of Of The One Great Package Of Salvation But The Reality Of Being Saved The Reality Of Having Christ As Your Redeemer The Reality Of Knowing Him And Knowing Him In Such A Precious Way As The One Who Has Redeemed You And Indeed Here Knowing Your Father As Well Because It's The Father That's Really In Mind All The Way Through Here He Sent Forth His Son

He Sent Forth His Son To Redeem Those Who Are Born And Because You Are Sons God The Father Has Sent Forth His Spirit The Spirit Of His Son Into Your Hearts That's What Qualifies If You Like To Receive The Spirit Of God Qualifies In The Sense In Which They Are On The Basis Of Their Adoption He Has Sent Forth The Spirit Into Their Hearts Now There's A Lot Of The The I Know That And The Young Folks That Are Here Tonight Might Be Thinking What Is All This About Why Do We Why Do We Bother Going Into All That Really Heavy Stuff What's The Importance Of It Surely I Can Be A Christian Without Actually Giving Myself The Time And The Effort To To Know These Things Well Of Course You Can But It's In The Bible For This Particular Reason That You Will Know Christ And Know Him Better As Your Life Goes On And Even As Children Young Children It's Important For You That You Actually Come To The Bible And Try And Understand Bit By Bit These

Great Teachings Of The Bible To Understand That The Son Of God Who Was God From All Eternity He Came Into This World In Jesus As Jesus He Was Born Of Mary He Lived A Human Life He Was Died The Death Of The Cross He Rose From The Dead He Ascended Then To Heaven He Is Sitting At The Right Hand Of God As We Read In Hebrews Chapter One And He Is Coming Back To This World As The Judge All Of These Things Are Great Truths About Jesus That You And I Need To Know And As Part Of That As We Read Here God In A Special Way On The Basis Of All That Jesus Has Done Already He Makes Us His Sons And Because We Are His Sons He Then Gives Us The Holy Spirit In Our Hearts And Through That We Come To Cry Abba Father Abba A word Really That

Means The Father In A Very Affectionate Sense Some People Would Translate It Father My Dear Father It A Very Close Term A Form Term It Is Not To Do With Anything Like A Distant God Or Anything Like That If There Is Anything In The Bible That Really Shows Us That God Is Not Distant To His People Or Holds His People At A Distance From Him It's The Word Father Our Father Who Art In Heaven Hallowed Be Your Name And It's The Father Who Sent For The Spirit Of His Son Interesting We haven't Got Time To Go Into That But The Holy Spirit Here Is Called The Spirit Of His Son Because His Son Is As In How The Spirit Comes Into The Experience Of His People He's The Spirit Of His Son As He Is The Spirit Of The Father He's

The Servant Of The Son And Of The Father In That Sense That He Comes To Minister To God's People As Sent Forth By The Father Into Their Hearts And So You Are No Longer He Says A Slave But A Son And If You're A Son Then You're An Heir Through God What A World Of Difference Friends There Is Between The Way We're Born Into This World As Slaves Of Sin And What We Come To Be By God's Grace And Through The Spirit Of God And Through His Regenerating Grace In Our Lives We're Turned Not Only Just To Be Freed From The Slavery Of Sin But Made Sons Of God Part Of His Family His Redeemed Family You Are No Longer A Slave But A Son But He Doesn't Leave It At That And A Son If A Son Then An Heir Through God

[57:24] It's All From God And What Is An Heir An Heir Is Someone Who Has An Inheritance An Inheritance Even In The Ordinary Sense Comes To Us Most Often At Least By The Death Of Someone Who Has Willed An Estate To Us In Their Will We Inherit Because Somebody Has Passed Things On To Us And Once They Die They Become Ours And Here Is The Great Inheritance Of Eternal Life That Has Been Secured For God's Children Through The Death Resurrection All That Christ Has Done For Them So That When You Take All These Verses With You What Do They Amount To Why Is All This Important In Practice It Is Not Just Theology To Fill Our Minds With Theological Principles And Theological Points So That We Can Actually Try And Understand Them And Debate Them And So On It Is All Of

That God But Every Every Thing Theology Has Practical Purpose Even The Greatest Theology In The Bible The Theology Of The Person Of God's Son The The Theology Of The Father The Theology Of Redemption It All Has A Personal Practical Bearing On Our Lives What Is It Well Many Things But It's This For Tonight At Least What Does It Mean In Practice It Means That We Need To Live Openly Professly Earnestly Honestly Seriously As God's Children In This World That's Our Great Privilege To Live For Him To Live For Our Father To Show To The World Who Our Father Is As Much As Who Our Savior Jesus Is And To Show To The World What It Means To Us To Be The

Children Of This Father This World Out There Needs Stability Like We Do Ourselves That World Out There Needs Comfort Like We Do Our Selves Needs Direction Needs Hope Where Is That Going To Come From Where Will They Find It Well We Direct Them To The Father We Direct Them To The One Who Sent To Sun Into The World And We Say This Is Where Hope Really Is Found Securely Everlastingly I Hope That You Can Prize For Time And For Eternity And Then As You Go To Chapter Six Let's Leave The Final Words With Paul Himself In Verse Ten So Then As We Have Opportunity Let Us Do Good To Everyone And Especially To Those Who Are Of The Household Of Faith

In Other Words Paul Is Saying Here Is The Practical Expression Of Our Sonship That We Do Good To Everyone As Much As We Have Opportunity To Do And Especially To God's Own People Because That's Where Our Sonship And Our Affection For Father And Our Esteem For The Son The Son By The Son Through The Spirit Of The Son Making Known How Very Precious Indeed It Is To Be Saved Are Are You That Tonight Are You Amongst The Redeemed Do You Call God Your Father Every Day Do You Come To Him And Say Lord My Father You Are So Precious To Me Because Of What You Have Done Through Your Son Because Of Your Grace Through Which

I Come To Be Adopted And Received Into The Family Of God Is Your Father To Whom You Go For Advice Whose Counsel You Value Whose Love You Cannot Comprehend And Yet You Esteem More Than Your Necessary Food Is He Your Father Have You Turned To Him Are You Still Without Him Are You Still Outside Of Those Who Have Come To Trust In Christ And Therefore I've Come To Know The Wonder Of Being Found In Him And Accepted By God As His Children Let's Pray Lord Our God Our Father In Heaven We Thank You For All That Your Father It Means To Your People And We Thank You Especially For All That Is Behind The Sending Of Your Son Into This World

[62:25] You Sent Him For To This World Of Darkness And Pain Of Temptation And Of Sorrow And In His Case Beyond What We Can Measure Lord We Thank You For All That You Accomplished For All That You Will Yet Accomplish In In The In To In The In The In We Thank You For The Hope That You Bring Into Our Experience When We Come To Rest Upon Jesus And When We Come To Know Him As One Who Is Worthy To Be Known And One Who Will Always Be Faithful To His People Bless Us Then We Pray And Bless The Fellowship Now Afterwards Be With Them There As They Meet Together And In All Of These Things Accept Our Praise Cleanse Us And Wash Us From Our Sins For Jesus Sake Amen We Sing Now In Conclusion In Psalm 118 Psalm 118 And This Time It's In The Scottish

Psalter From Verse 24 To Verse 29 This Is The Day God Made In It Will Joy Triumphant
Save Now I Pray The Lord I Pray Send Now Prosperity And The Day That's Mentioned
There Is Not Only The Lord's Day Though You Can Apply To That It's Especially The Day
Of God's Salvation The Day Of Christ The Day Of Redemption In Which God's People
Can Joy Triumphant And It Says Blessed Is He In God's Great Name That Cometh Us
To Save Verses 24 To 29 Tunis Colesill This Is The Day God Made This Is The Day God
Made In It Will Joy Triumphant

Save Now I Pray The Lord I Pray Send Now Prosperity Blessed Is He In God's Great
Name That Cometh Us To Save We From The House Which To The Lord Pertakes You
Blessed God Is The Lord Who Up To Us Hath Made

Light To Arise Thou Thou Art My God Thou Art My God Thou Art My God Thou
Thou Exalt My God I Will Thou Thou Praise If Thanks To God All Me Is Good Is Good Is
Mercy Last Always I Will Go to the door to my right this evening after the benediction Now
may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ the love of God the Father and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you now and always amen

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