**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, even as

**4**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.

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**Galatians 3:26-4:7  
26**for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. **27**For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28**There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29**And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. **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, **2**but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. **3**In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. **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.