

"Adoption"
Galatians 4:4-7
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Barabas was in bed looking at this pin when Uncle Floyd came in to say 'goodnight'. This pin is the only thing Barabas has that belonged to his mother.



"Uncle Floyd?" asked Barabas. "What was my mother like?"

You may remember that Barabas's mother died when Barabas was very young. He does not have any memories of his mother. And because Frank, Barabas's father was in jail for a few years, Uncle Floyd adopted Barabas.

"Well son, I reckon your mother was the kindest and most beautiful woman I ever met. She and your father made a handsome couple."

"Did she like to laugh?" asked Barabas. Uncle Floyd told Barabas a story about one time when Barabas's mother told such a funny story at the dinner table that they all laughed so hard they almost wet their pants! And Uncle Floyd told Barabas about the day he was baptized.

"I reckon your mother was a woman who strongly believed in Christ as her Savior. She made sure you were baptized."

Barabas loves it when Uncle Floyd tells stories about when he was a baby.

"I'm glad you adopted me," Barabas said to his Uncle.



Lots of children are adopted. There are children and grown-ups here this morning who are adopted.

Actually, we are all adopted! Did you know that? God has adopted us all. When we were baptized, we became adopted members of God's family. That's why when we pray the Lord's Prayer and the creed, we say "our Father in Heaven."

Jesus even said we could call our heavenly father "Daddy or Dad."

Think of all the things you love most about your Dad and multiply it by 1,000,000,000 and you are still not even close to what a wonderful Dad our God in heaven is or how much God loves us as his children.

Like Barabas said to Uncle Floyd, we could say to God "I'm glad you adopted me!"

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