

is our privilege to know that we are both wanted by the Father and legal accepted by His grace.

b. Possession (Galatians 4:6), the possessing of the Holy Spirit. To be sure, He possesses us but there is this unique sense in which we possess Him. Romans 8 tells us that if any 'man does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to the Lord. As an adopted son there is the possession of the Holy Spirit which seals us and gives us the personal ministry of the Spirit as a "paraclete" and intercessor after the pattern of Romans 8:26.

c. Freedom (Galatians 4:7) No longer in the bondage of the law or our sins, but free and children of the Father. The position of "sonship" releases us from the inhibitions, fears, limitations, and other devices that tended to keep us in ignorance and gloom respecting God and the knowledge of His dealings. The Son of God, through His atoning work, has made it possible that we should be sons of God.. with the freedom and assurance that comes in knowing Him and being blessed in and of His will.

## 2. The character of the conduct of a son...

In this situation we are concerned with how a son behaves. It is generally true that we put rules and guidelines before our children that are intended to regulate their conduct in a way that will please us as parents and encourage us in the other important activities and duties of life. They often do not live up to our expectations and we are often bothered by the fact that they may not act or think of themselves as our children. Perhaps it is not fair to attribute emotions such as these to God, but the fact is that we often forget this sonship relationship. Our aim in this discussion is to re-emphasize it and suggest that we should learn more thoroughly to think of ourselves in the position of sons with a behaviour that shows the reality of the position.