

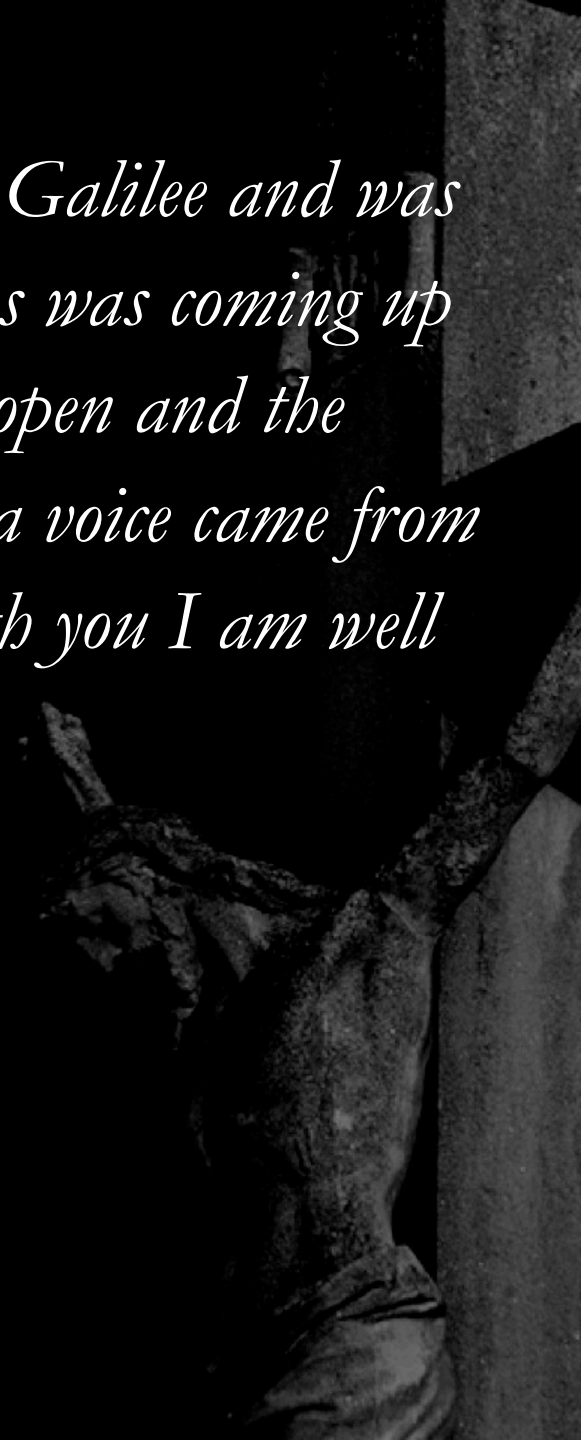
LIFE : *In Christ*

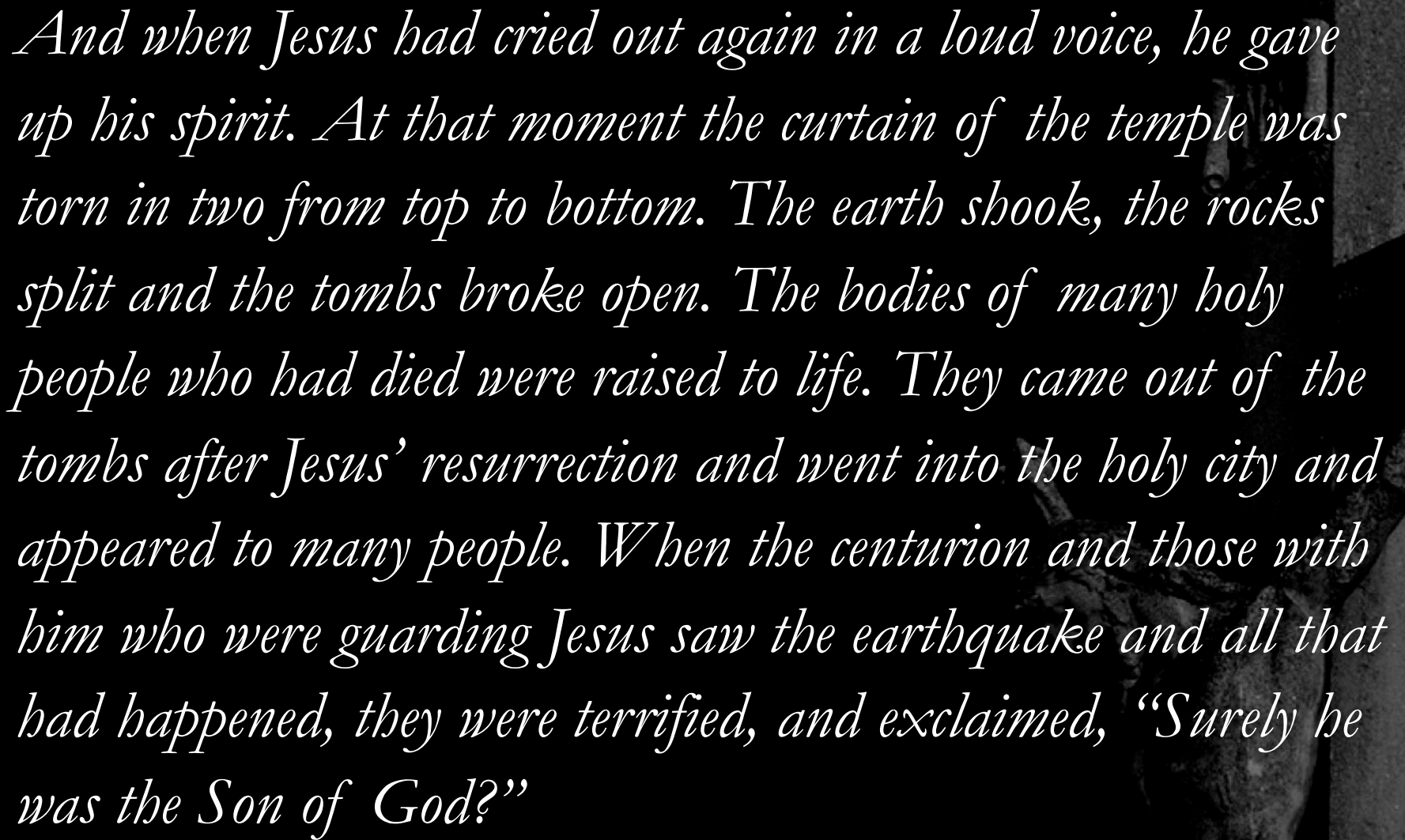
A study in Colossians



At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:9-11





And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God?"

Matthew 27:50-54

You are in Christ.



*Union with Christ was at once the center and circumference
of authentic human existence.*

Lewis Smedes



A tearing and a testimony.

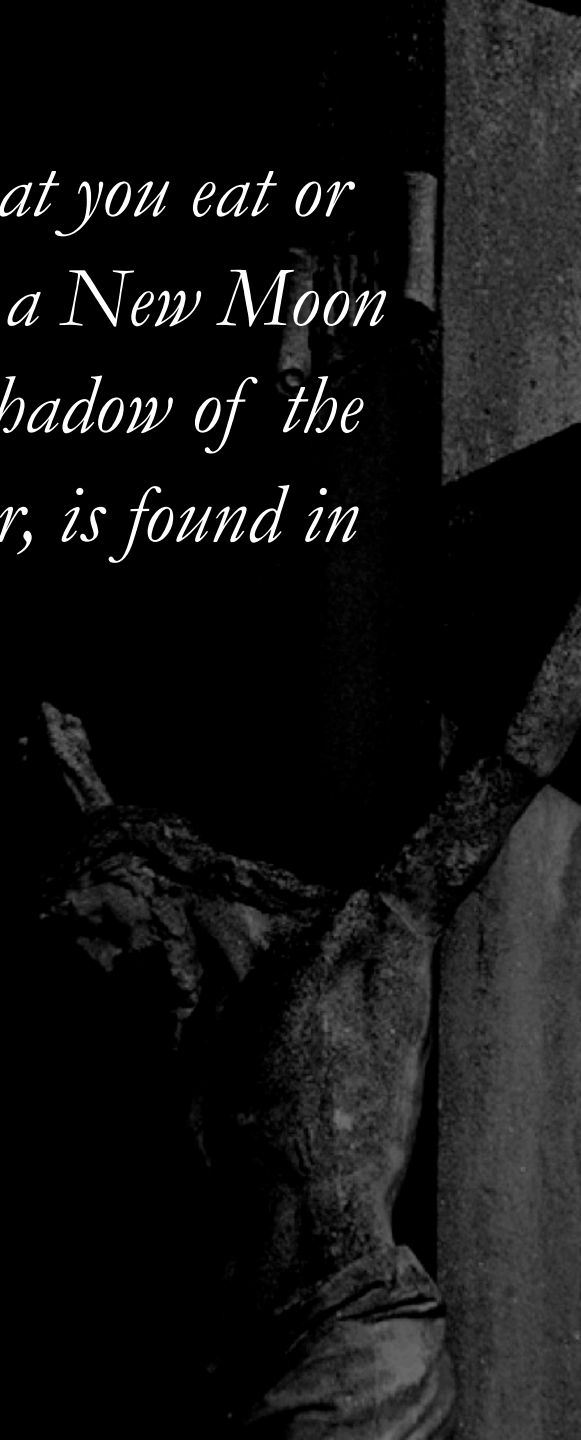


THREE TESTIMONIES:



Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

Colossians 2:16-17



THREE TESTIMONIES:

*You are an outsider who hasn't
done the right things.*

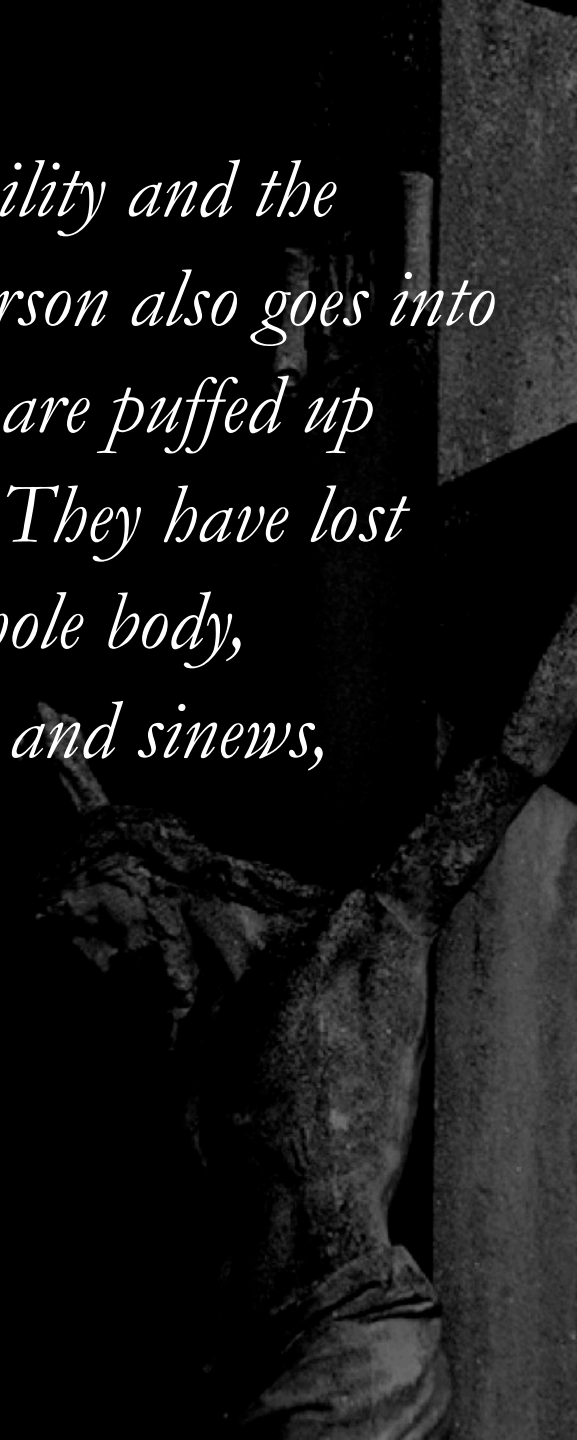


THREE TESTIMONIES:



Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

Colossians 2:18-19



THREE TESTIMONIES:

*You are an underachiever who
doesn't measure up.*



Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules:

Colossians 2:20



I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20



Death releases people from their previous status.

N.T. Wright



Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.'

Matthew 16:24-25



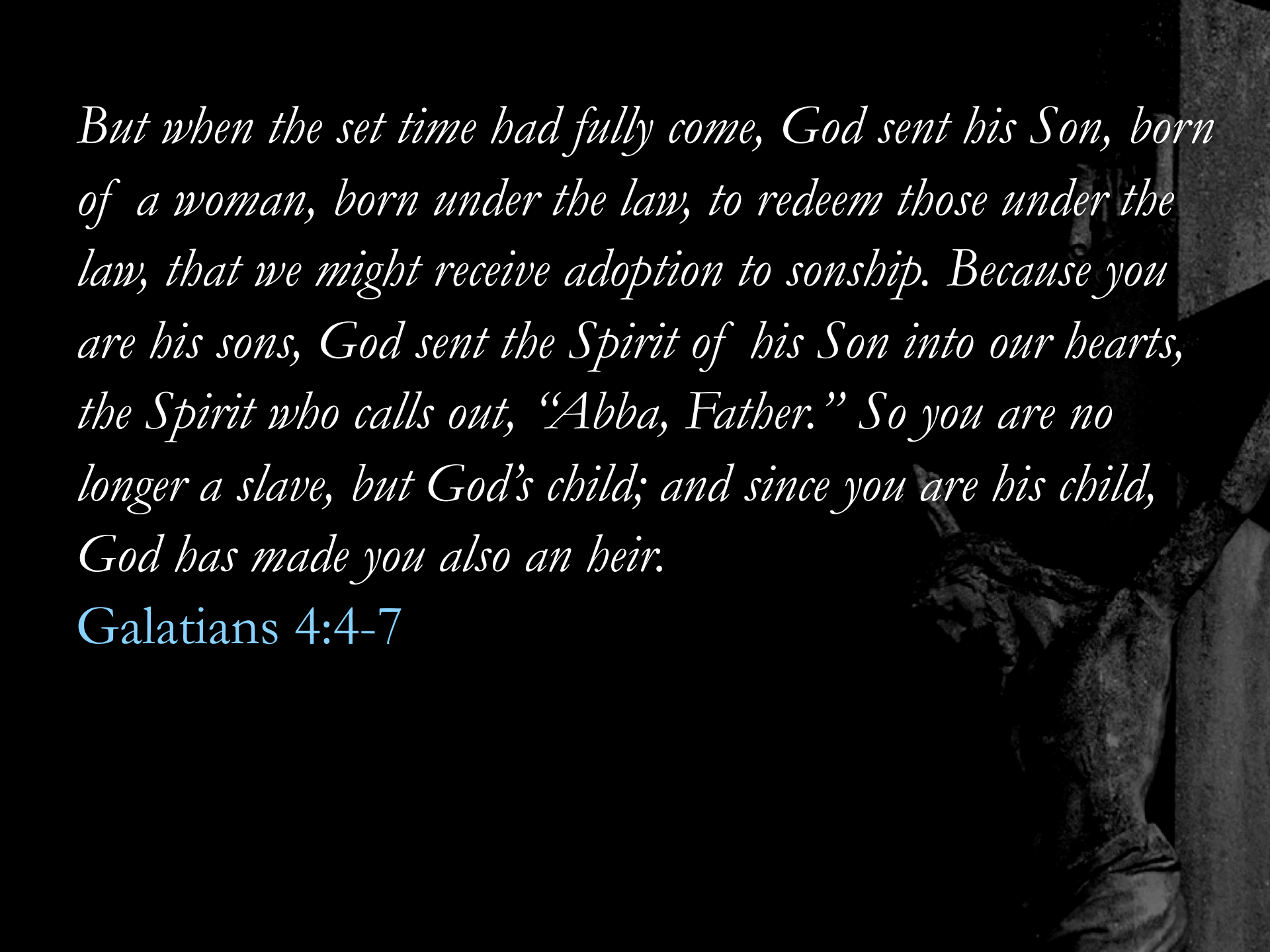
If we are united to Christ, then we are united to him at all points of his activity on our behalf.

Sinclair Ferguson



WE SHARE IN ALL OF CHRIST'S ACTIVITY:
IN CHRIST'S DEATH
IN CHRIST'S RETURN
IN CHRIST'S ASCENSION
IN CHRIST'S SESSION
IN THE HOPE OF CHRIST'S RETURN





But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Galatians 4:4-7

THREE TESTIMONIES:

*You are a son; you are a daughter
and an heir.*

