

**Series: Doctrine of Salvation (2/7/18)**

**Title: Adoption**

**Text: (Eph 1:5-6)**

### **A. Definition:**

The giving to any one the Name, Place, Privileges of a son who is not a son by birth..

God, placing a believer, as an adult son or heir, into His family, & giving him access to all the privileges that go with it.

An act of God's grace by which he brings men into the number of his redeemed family, and makes them partakers of all the blessings he has provided for them.

Adoption represents the new relations into which the believer is introduced by justification, and the privileges connected therewith

### **B. The Biblical use of the word**

We are literally born into God's family, not just placed into His family from another.

In the Scriptures, the word Adoption is not so much a word of relationship, but a position.

*Not the same definition as we use today.*

A child from 1 family & placing them into another  
It speaks not of HOW the believer came to be a part of the family, but the fact he is already is a member because of regeneration.

*(1 John 3:2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

The reference here is for the time of His coming for His church.

God's love for us does not stop with the new birth, but continues up to the return of Christ.

We are the son's of God through the new birth.  
adopted into God's family as full heir's.

### **C. How adoption became available**

God's justice required Christ's death on the cross to deal with sin, before He could place any person into his family.

His death, and shed blood, fully redeem the believing sinner and made regeneration and adoption possible:

*(Rom 8:15-16) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit*

*of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

Those living under the law, are like minor children, bossed around as a servant, but when He is born again, he not brought into a position of servitude as a household slave.

Rather, he receives the Spirit of Adoption, which is the holy Spirit; which places the believer into God's family as a mature son.

By the Holy Spirit, the believer can look to heaven and cry Abba, Father. (pappa or Daddy)

In Romans, Adoption is used in 3 different ways.

Here, it refers to the conscientiousness of Sonship that the holy Spirit produces in the believer.

(Rom 8:23) It looks forward to that time when the believers body will be redeemed and glorified.

(Rom 8:23) *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

In Romans 9:4, it looks back to that time when God designated Israel as His son.

(Rom 9:4) *Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;*

(Gal 4:5) *To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*

It Means "Son Placing", the act of placing all believers as an Adult Son's with all the privileges that go with it.

Every Believer is a child of God, in that he is born into a family where God is their Father. A special relationship where the believer has reached the maturity of manhood.

In the New Testament, Adoption never means taking the child of other parents as one's own.

(Rm 8:16) There is a spiritual instinct in the believer that he is the son of God.

The Holy Spirit tells him that it is so.

(Rom 8:16) *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

He does it primarily through the Word of God.

As a christian reads the bible, the Spirit confirms the truth that they are a child of God.

*(Gal 4:4-6) But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

“*Fulness of time*” refers to the time appointed by the Father to send His Son.

This is a statement that affirms the deity and humanity of the son of God.

He put Himself under the Law that He might magnify it in His life and bear its curse in His death.

*(Gal 4:5)* The Law demanded a price for sin. Before God could bring men into the wonderful position of sonship, the price had to be paid. Christ paid the price the Father demanded.

As God, Christ's death was infinite in value, it was sufficient to pay for any number of sinners.

As man, He died as a substitute for man.

As long as men remained slaves, they could never be sons.

*(Gal 4:6)* In order that those that are sons of God to realize the dignity of their position, the Holy Spirit was sent to live within them.

The Trinity is in this verse, The Spirit, The Son, and The Father.

### **D. The privileges of adoption**

The Believer now has a Father that loves him.

*(1 John 4:9-10) In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

No matter how we may fall out of fellowship with Him, He always loves us and is ready to receive the penitent child again.

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The Believer now has a Father that Cares for him.

(1 Pet 5:7) *Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

(Ps 55:22) *Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.*

Worry is unnecessary. Worry is futile. Worry is sin. Worry denies the wisdom and power of God.

The Believer has a Father that Protects him.

(Rom 8:31) *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

When we consider these unbreakable links in the chain of redemption, then it is apparent that God has marked us out for Himself. Omnipotence protects us.

The Believer has a Father that corrects us.

(Heb 12:5-11) As the result of Adoption, we have a Father that corrects us.

The chastening hand of the Lord. Why Trial, pain, trouble, sorrow come into the life of the believer?

These verse teaches us that these are apart of God's teaching process for the believer.

God harnesses the adverse circumstances in life to conform the believer into the image of Christ.

(Prov 3:11-12) *My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.*

Chastening shows that we are God's child. This proves His love.

It is His Child Training tactics for us learn our lessons.

In the Spiritual realm, those that do not experience God's discipline, is an illegitimate sons. God's discipline is always perfect, not by whim, but for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

When we dispose His chastening, He will continue to teach us over and over until we learn our lesson. when He corrects us, Which is a direct evidence that we are children of God.

His chastening are never on Whim, but are for our improvement.

We have the promise that HE will never leave us or forsake us.

(Heb 13:5-6) *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. **So that we may boldly say, The Lord is***

*my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

5 Emphatic Negative articles to Emphasis the Impossibility of God ever breaking this promise.

*(Ps 118:6) The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?*

Confident Confession of the person who has Christ.  
We have perfect Security, Protection, & Peace.

We are a fellow citizen with the Saints & Believers of the household of God.

*(Eph 2:19) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*

### **Privileges of Adoption.**

*(Eph 2:19-22) Now therefore ye are no more strangers & foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, & of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

### **Privileged to be No more strangers or foreigners:**

All 1st Class Citizens

Jewish pedigree no longer a privilege over others.

We are all Members Of the Household of God.  
Super-Naturalized Citizens of the Kingdom.  
We are Adopted into the Divine Family

### **Privileged to be Heir of God & Joint with Jesus Christ.**

*(Rom 8:17) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

All are Heirs of God=We inherit the Father's Estate.  
We haven't yet come into the possession or enjoyment.  
Nothing can prevent us from taking possession of all the Father's wealth.

### **Privileged to have the Spirit of Adoption:**

*(Rom 8:15-16) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

### **Privileged to be Raised from the Dead & given a New Body:**

*(Rom 8:11) But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

***This same Holy Spirit will raise up our bodies!***

**This is a Divine Guarantee:**

## **This is the Final Act Redemption** (Different Sermon)

(1 Cor 15:51-52) *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

Mystery is a truth that was previously unknown.  
This is now made known unto us by the *Apostles*.  
Not all believers will experience death.

### ***Either way, we shall all be changed.***

(Phil 3:21) *Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*

Our bodies are vile/wicked, not suited for heaven.  
They must be changed.

### ***Jesus will change our bodies.***

The bodies are not evil, but defiled by sin.  
It is a lowly body subject to the ravages of time,  
sickness, & injury  
God will change our bodies,  
God will make them perfectly suited for heaven.  
It will be like the body Jesus had after the  
resurrection. (Jesus was Identifiable)  
We shall be Morally like Christ.

We shall be free from sin.

This passage is not enough info to satisfy my curiosity, but enough to instill confidence and hope!

### ***Dissect and Explain***

(1 Thes 4:13-17) *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

[Contrast the Hope/No Hope of Believer/Unbeliever]

14 *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

[There the promise of a Reunion]

15 *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and **so shall we ever be with the Lord.***

18 *Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

**Privileged to be Predestinated to be Conformed into the image of His Son, & promised to Openly Reveal the Believer as His Son/Daughter.**

(Rom 8:29) ... *Many brethren..*

***Adoption was God's Plan for Us!***

(Eph 1:5) *Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

***1. adoption of children by Jesus Christ***

This is why Jesus left heaven

Jesus is the door, or the medium for our privileges.

***2. according to the good pleasure of his will,***

Why did He Adopt us, because it was according to His pleasure.

We are privileged because God wanted to surround Himself with redeemed Son's & Daughters that were conformed to the Image of His Son Jesus!

**E. The Final Adoption**

***Even though we are fully God's child, God has not yet fully revealed us as such.***

(1 John 3:1-3) *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what*

*we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

***Eventhough we are fully God's Child, However, The first fruits of the Spirit is a guarantee that HE will.***

This is the main Emphasis of adoption.

When Christ returns, He will change our vile bodies.

In that day, God will openly show all creation those who are His regenerated & Adopted Children.

(Rom 8:23) *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

The Holy Spirit is the Guarantee of the coming Final Adoption.

Our spirit & soul has been redeemed already, but Our adoption will be complete when we receive our glorified body.

(1 Cor 15:35-58)

(2 Cor 5:1-5) *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to*

*be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:  
3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found  
naked. 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan,  
being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed,  
but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed  
up of life. 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the  
selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the  
earnest of the Spirit.*