"ADOPTION"

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 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. KJV

STRONG'S NT:5206 huiothesia (hwee-oth-es-ee'-ah); the placing as a son, i.e. adoption (figuratively, Christian sonship in respect to God): KJV - adoption (of children, of sons).

NT:5206 huiothesia--adoption, adoption as sons a) that relationship which God was pleased to establish between himself and the Israelites in preference to all other nations b) the nature and condition of the true disciples in Christ, who by receiving the Spirit of God into their souls become sons of God c) the blessed state looked for in the future life after the visible return of Christ from heaven

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huiothesia (hwee-oth-es-ee'ah) a son, a placing, akin to tithemi, to place, signifies the place and condition of a son given to one to whom it does not naturally belong.

In Galations 4:5 they are said to receive the adoption of sons, sonship bestowed in distinction from a relationship consequent merely upon birth.

Adoption is a term involving the dignity of the relationship of believers as sons, it is not a putting into the family by spiritual birth, but a putting into the position of sons.

Ex 4-12 Israel is my Son. Israel was brought into a special relation with God, a collective relationship, not enjoyed by other nations, Duet 14:1

WEBSTER'S 1828 Sonship: The state of being a son, or of having the relation of a son. A male child, In the plural, sons signifies descendants in general, a sense much used in the scriptures.

One adopted into a family. Moses was the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

Adopt: to desire or choose. To take a stranger into one's family, as son and heir: to take one who is not a child, and treat him as one. Giving-him a title-to the privileges and rights of a child. In a spiritual sense, to receive the sinful children of men into the invisible

<u>Church</u>, and into God's favor and protection, by which they become heirs of salvation by Christ.

Adoption: The act of adopting, or the state of being adopted; the taking and treating of a stranger as one's own child

Adoption by testament is the pointing of a person to be the heir, by will, or condition of his taking the name, armes, &c. of the adopter.

Galations 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. KJV

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. KJV

Romans 9:3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: 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; KJV

Romans 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 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. KIV