

## Adopted into the Family of God

### Definition: Adopt / Adoption

Acceptance, embracing, approval; taking another's child and legally making that child one's own.

### Scripture Reading:

**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you 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: 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. / And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our **adoption**, to wit, the redemption of our body. / ... to whom belongs **adoption**, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; / Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fullness of 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 you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. / Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he have chosen us in him before the foundations of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestined us to **adoption** of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasures of his will to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us acceptable in the beloved.

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*Rom 8:14-17, 8:23, 9:4; Gal 4:3-6; Eph 1:3-6*

### Discipleship Directive:

This is one of the benefits that we receive through salvation with Christ; the disciple through faith in Christ and by His shed blood, we become legally **adopted** into the family of God. **Adoption** is a choice made by the one who is **adopting** the child. Christ chose us and when we said yes to His call, we then take on His name, His Spirit and become part of His family, we become a child of the King. Yes, I was born of the old sinful nature of this world, but through **adoption** by Christ, I take on my family's new nature and life. God becomes my Abba, Father for all eternity. Our goal should be to live out His will for our lives and for His church here on earth.

### Dedication Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you, that through Your love, You have called out to me and desire of me that I become Your child. I praise You for adopting me out of my life of wickedness and bringing me to Yourself in grace righteousness. I am thankful that I no longer live but it is You, Christ that lives in me. I thank You for giving me the opportunity through Your shed blood to become part of Your eternal family in heaven. I pray that as I continue my journey here on earth, that You will fill me and guide me each day by Your Holy Spirit and I look forward to that day, where I can stand before the heavenly Father and call him my, Abba Father.

Your Servant.

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