

“THIS I KNOW!”



Part 6: “Adoption: ‘Abba,’ Father!”

Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:4-7;
Ephesians 1:3-6; I John 3:1-2

Introduction: The beliefs of a society are often captured in the songs that people sing: “We are all God’s children!”

“WE,” meaning every human being, are NOT all God’s children!!

Adoption into God’s family is an act of God’s grace whereby those whom He has chosen in Christ become part of His family and heirs with Christ!

Satan wants people to believe the lie because lies steer people away from the narrow road that leads to life: faith in JESUS!

All of Scripture reveals a distinction that God makes between those whom He has chosen to be His children and the rest of humanity.

The truth of our adoption into God’s family is another rock in the solid foundation of the hope we have in Christ that is sure and certain, based on the promises of OUR Father in heaven!

I. Adoption is an act of God’s sovereign grace through Christ ...

Romans 8:12-16 ... You KNOW you have been born again by the Spirit when you repent and believe in Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:9-11: “You ... are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells IN you!” (vs. 9).

All of this is God’s grace, God’s gift, to those whom He has chosen, called, regenerated and justified IN Christ!

Romans 8:15-16: “... but YOU have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba,’ Father!” (vs. 15).

Galatians 4:4-6: “... to redeem those who were under the law so that we might receive adoption as sons” (vs. 6).

Adoption is a beautiful picture of God’s grace to His children because there are no “natural - born” children in God’s family.

GRACE is the biblical word for favor and is always undeserved.

All those in whom the Spirit is alive will receive God’s grace by faith in Jesus and are adopted into God’s “forever family!”

II. Adoption is confirmed by the Spirit of Christ ...

Romans 8:16: “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we ARE children of God!”

The Spirit of God testifies to the TRUTH ... that you can KNOW you are a child of God ONLY if you trust in Jesus 100%.

Those without the Spirit cannot and will not love the Father, trust in Christ or live by the power of the Spirit!

Galatians 6:9-10: “... let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (vs. 10).

The Spirit also confirms your adoption by your love for your brothers and sisters in Christ, the Church, the “called-out ones.”

Where the Spirit is at work there is a oneness with other believers that produces a Body that is focused on Christ, the Head!

III. Adoption is a guarantee of our inheritance in Christ ...

Romans 8:16-17: “... and if children, then heirs” (vs. 17).

Galatians 4:7: “So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”

Ephesians 1:3-6: “In love He predestined US for adoption” (vss. 4-5).

Ephesians 1:11-14: “... were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance ...” (vss. 13-14).

The benefits of adoption are ONLY for those whom God has chosen, called, regenerated, justified and adopted.

I John 3:1-2: “See what kind of love the Father has given to US, that WE should be called the children of God; and so we are!”

Romans 8:28-39 ... NOTHING “will be able to separate US from the love of God in Christ Jesus OUR Lord!” (vs. 39).