

Saved to the Uttermost

5. Adoption: God's Chosen Children

Selected Scriptures

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Introduction

- One of the most beautiful and intimate truths of the gospel is that salvation does not merely rescue us from sin and judgment—it brings us into a _____.
- While justification declares us righteous, adoption declares us _____.

Scripture References:

Galatians 4:4-7

I. The Divine Initiative in Adoption (v. 4–5a)

- Paul reminds us that God's plan to save us was not some occurrence or afterthought He had—it was sovereignly _____ and perfectly executed.
 - **Joh 1:12** *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to _____ children of God,*
Joh 1:13 *who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*
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II. Adoption of All Who Believe in Christ

God's Fatherhood is Not Universal or Ethnically Specific.

A. Universal

- Our creaturehood does not guarantee our _____ by God.

B. Ethnically Specific

- We're not adopted in the sense that we are Gentiles, but that we were unregenerate, unbelieving children of wrath like the rest of mankind – _____.
- EVERYONE who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ has passed from spiritual death to life and from slavery to _____!

Scripture References:

John 8:39-45

John 1:12-13

Quotation:

"Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children, have his name put upon them, the Spirit of his Son given to them, are under his fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory" (Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 74, "What is Adoption?").

III. The Glorious Privilege of Adoption (v. 5b–6)

A. Our New Status: Sons and Daughters

Scripture Reference: Romans 8:15-17

B. The Spirit's Testimony

- The Spirit _____ believers that they are the children of God.
 - When believers struggle with sin, fear, guilt, or doubt, the Spirit reassures us: *You are no longer a slave. You are _____.*
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IV. The Eternal Inheritance of Adoption (v. 7)

This inheritance includes:

1. The _____ of God now (relationship)
2. The _____ of God in this life (guidance, provision, discipline)
3. The _____ of God forever (eternal life and inheritance with Christ)

Scripture References:

1 Peter 1:4

Romans 8:17a

V. The Trinitarian Foundation of Adoption

- _____ **by the Father** – Ephesians 1:5
 - _____ **by the Son** – Galatians 4:5
 - _____ **by the Spirit** – Galatians 4:6
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VI. Living as God's Children

1. Confidence in _____: (Mat. 6:9; 7:11)
 2. _____ in Conduct: (1 Jn 3:1-3; 1 Pet. 1:14-17)
 3. The Loving _____ of the Father (Heb. 12:5-13)
 4. Love for the _____ of God: (Rom. 8:29; 1 Tim. 5:1-2)
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Conclusion

1Jn 3:1a *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.*