

Scripture References

John 1:12-13 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 17:20b-23 I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:3-4 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Eph 1:4-5 NIV For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

2 Cor 1:3-4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

Luke 12:27-31 "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Priceless

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Fred Hennes, Sermon #656, "The Gift of Adoption" (John 1:12-13)

1. Adoption has changed your identity. You are a _____ of the _____!
2. Adoption has opened you to God's _____ love.
3. Adoption has given you participation in the divine _____.
4. Adoption means there are no second-class _____ in God's family.
5. Adoption has provided you with _____ and _____.
6. Adoption means God is actively _____ in your life.
7. Adoption promises us a future _____.

Life Group Activity

1. Do you know anybody who has been adopted? If so, from your perspective, tell how their life has been impacted. What personal understanding contributes to your narrative about them?

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. There are two adoption stories in the Old Testament. In both cases, God used the adopted person to help save His people. Can you name them?
4. Seven blessings flowing from our spiritual adoption were listed. Can you think of any other blessings as a result of our adoption?
5. What mindset must someone have in order to adopt someone? Describe God's mindset in adopting us.

6. Of all the benefits of being adopted by God, which one means the most to you? Why?

Application Questions & Prayer

7. This message helped you learn more about being adopted into God's family. What do you think the next steps are for you? What difference does it make to you to know that you are adopted by God?
8. How does adoption tie into a person's assurance of salvation?
9. Pray for one another so that your group may excel as a child of the King.