

Adopted Children of God

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 13

1. UNION WITH CHRIST: A thread running throughout the Catechism – especially important for Lord's Day 13 – is the doctrine of _____.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.... (Ephesians 1:3)

2. ADOPTION: In union with Christ, united to him as our head, we are _____ of God.

In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:5-6)

- a. This is God's _____ that you get to receive and _____ in by faith.

- b. An emphasis upon union with Christ and the blessing of adoption helps to _____ several theological debates. Adoption is, for example, both _____ and _____.

3. DELIVERED FROM SIN: Jesus is not only our _____ by _____, but also our Lord.

- a. It is good news that _____ is _____.

if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (Romans 10:9)

- b. It is good news that we are delivered – body and soul – _____.

⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. (Ephesians 1:4)

- c. It is good news that we are _____.

- d. Encourage one another _____.