

# Being Adopted by God the Father

Rom. 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

"Our understanding of Christianity cannot be better than our grasp of adoption ... of all the gifts of grace, adoption is the highest."

J. I Packer

"Children of God"

. By birth – "born again"

- receive His new nature
- receive new life

. By adoption

- receive His inheritance
- receive new position

O.T Prophecy

"I will be a father to you and you shall be sons and daughters to Me," says the Lord Almighty.

2 Cor. 6:18

N.T. Prophecy

I will be his God and  
he will be my son.  
Rev. 21:7

Adoption  
Roman law – 7 witnesses  
Jewish law - 2-3 witnesses

By God's grace, what are the assurances of our adoption into God's family?

### **1. The presence of God the Spirit.**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Rom. 8:14  
Led by the Holy Spirit

1. by conviction of sin –  
(Jn. 16:8; Ps. 25:8)
2. by communication from God's Word – (Jn. 14:25-26)
3. by confirmation – Ps. 143:10; Isa. 30:21)

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.  
Rom. 8:16

"Sometimes language cannot contain grace."  
He saved us not because of works done by us in righteousness but according  
to His own mercy ...  
Titus 3:5

...by washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit ...  
"Dirty, lice, hair was white, worms, lazy eye, poor sight,  
30 lbs at 9 yrs old, boils all over and scars on my face."  
Stephanie Fast

"I found what appalled me; a zoo of lusts, a bedlum of ambitions, a nursery  
of fears, a harem of fondled hatreds. My name was Legion." C. S Lewis

... whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior (16)

So that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (7)

## **2. The Personal intimacy with God the Father.**

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear...

Rom. 8:15

The Spirit of Slavery

. Slaves to sin (Rom. 6:6)

. Bondage to guilt and a debt that cannot be paid.

She spit in his face!

... but you have received the spirit of adoption as sons

By whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

(15)

Jesus cried out, "Abba" in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Mk. 14:36

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying,

"Abba! Father!"

Gal. 4:6

So you are no longer a slave but a son and if a son, then an heir through God.

(7)

I am His Son!

I am His daughter!

... giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Col. 1:12

### **3. The purchase price from God the Son.**

To redeem those who were under the law so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Gal. 4:5

Roman Law – steps of adoption

1. Sever rights and connection to former family.
2. Pay any outstanding debts, obligations and price of the adoptions.

... and if children then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...

Rom. 8:17

... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. Rom 8:23b

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich yet for your sake He became poor so that you by His poverty might become rich.

2 Cor. 8:9

Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Heb. 9:15