

Adoption
Lesson 33

1. When we are born we are not born into the FAMILY OF GOD because of the SEPARATION and alienation that comes from sin.
2. ADOPTION on the natural level is the VOLUNTARY act of taking a child of other parents AS YOUR OWN.
3. Adoption on the SPIRITUAL LEVEL is based upon one accepting Christ and receiving the POWER, the PRIVILEGE, the prerogative to become sons of God. John 1:12
4. REGENERATION gives us the relationship to God. Adoption gives us the POSITION of grown sons and daughters. Galatians 4:3-5
5. The Greek word for adoption is “huiothesia” which is made up of two words “thesia” which means PLACING and huios which means SON (placing a son).
6. An adopted child has the same RESPONSIBILITIES and PRIVILEGES as a NATURAL BORN family member. Galatians 3:26-29
7. As an adopted child of God you are His HEIR along with CHRIST. Gal. 4:7; Rom. 8:12-17
8. A sure sign of adoption is being LED BY THE SPIRIT. Romans 8:14
9. Adoption gives a CHILD-LIKE love for the Father, a DELIGHT in Him and DEPENDENCE upon Him. Romans 8:15
10. The name ABBA was not translated from the original language because of the deep, awesome RESPECT of the Jews for God. The name can be translated “DADDY”. Romans 8:15; Mark 14:36
11. Because Jesus used the TERM OF ENDEARMENT when He prayed in the garden, we too can use it because we have received the SPIRIT OF THE SON. Galatians 4:6
12. We were adopted in ETERNITY PAST, before the foundation of the world. Ephesians 1:3-5
13. He has adopted us for the PRAISE and glory of His GRACE. Eph. 1:5 & 6
14. The full manifestation of our adoption is still FUTURE and becomes COMPLETE at our resurrection. Romans 8:22 & 23; 1 John 3:2

Conclusion:

Today’s world is one of frustration, sin and little regard for the things of God. Yet God knows you, personally. If you have accepted Jesus Christ, you are the “chosen in Him before the foundation of the world.” He allows you the “free will” to choose His Son. He does not force.

When you accept Christ, you are adopted as a son into the family of God. By adoption we are made His sons. First, birth (regeneration), then adoption.

If you are adopted -- saved -- you have a happy present and a glorious future in Christ Jesus. One who belongs to His family should not bring shame or sorrow on the family, but stay in close fellowship with the saints, with our Lord and His Word.