

Adopted Into the Family

Scripture Reading — Ephesians 1:3-14

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” — Romans 8:15

Salvation is a homecoming, God’s act of adopting spiritual orphans into his eternal family. Sonship refers to our adoption as children of God. The life-transforming grace and love of adoption is what makes the Christian faith so unique and full of joy.

Jesus paid the price for our adoption, giving us the right to be children of God (John 1:12). We are not born naturally into this relationship; it is a spiritual rebirth. Jesus calls it being “born again,” “born of the Spirit” (John 3:3, 8). While adoption is a legal contract that completely transforms the status of a child, it is more importantly a profound expression of parental love.

For reasons that can be summarized only by love itself, God chose you. He selected you to be his child and adopted you into his family. The idea of being chosen is simply that God’s love makes us children of God. Nothing else—no works, merit, or righteousness on our part—can do it. Both our existence as human beings and our salvation are ultimately dependent on one thing: the love of God the Father. And through the sacrifice of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit—which we celebrate today—we become fully renewed children of God!

How do you feel, knowing that God chose you?

Prayer

Lord, words cannot express our gratitude for the new life you give. Thank you for real life in Jesus by your Spirit! Amen.

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