

IDENTITY

ADOPTION: BECOMING A CHILD OF GOD

Introduction:

Adoption is a grand
and beautiful thing!

It redefines who we are.
It changes our identity and
gives us a new family!

Text: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

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For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

Romans 8:12-17

Text: 1 Peter 1:14-16

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Text: Hebrews 12:1-17

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

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“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons.

For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them.

Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

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For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

**Therefore lift your drooping hands
and strengthen your weak knees,
and make straight paths for your feet,
so that what is lame may not be put
out of joint but rather be healed.**

**Strive for peace with everyone, and
for the holiness without which no
one will see the Lord.**

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

Hebrews 12:1-17

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RECOGNIZED AND ADOPTED INTO GOD'S FAMILY. I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO BE A CHILD OF THE KING. I AM HIS PRINCE OR PRINCESS WITH ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES THEREOF. I AM FREE FROM CONDEMNATION. THERE IS NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS. I AM FREE FROM CONDEMNATION. I AM AN ALIEN. EARTH IS NOT MY REAL HOME. I AM JUST PASSING THROUGH. I AM A CITIZEN OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND I MUST LIVE LIKE ONE. I AM A WARRIOR. I AM A PRIEST. YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO LIVES IN YOU AND BEAR FRUIT. I AM A NEW CREATION. I AM A VINE AND I AM A BRANCH. MY CALL IS TO REMAIN IN HIM AND BEAR FRUIT. I AM A WARRIOR. I AM A PRIEST. YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO LIVES IN YOU AND BEAR FRUIT. I AM A NEW CREATION. I AM A VINE AND I AM A BRANCH. MY CALL IS TO REMAIN IN HIM AND BEAR FRUIT.

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Conclusion:

As Adopted Children of God, we have a Good Father in Heaven who desires us, corrects us, and frees us.

Let us seek to live out our new identity in Christ as adopted heirs, being made new!

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