

Series: "AFTERMATH"
Part 4: "A NEW WAY OF RELATING TO GOD"
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⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:6 (NIV)

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Romans 8:14-17 (NIV)

**Adoption: A formal, legal change in your _____ before God,
but also an actual sense of being _____ by God**

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Romans 8:15 (NIV)

Four Truths about Adoption that Change How We Relate to God

1. You've been adopted out of a _____ situation

⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will...

Ephesians 1:5 (NIV)

2. Your adoption was _____ by God

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Galatians 4:4-5 (NIV)

3. Your adoption is _____

4. Your adoption involves the _____

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Romans 8:17 (NIV)

5. Your adoption includes an _____

¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

John 1:12-13 (NLT)

How to Experience the Father-Love of God

1. _____ Jesus

¹⁶ We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love.

1 John 4:16a (NLT)

2. _____ him

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Romans 8:15 (NIV)

³⁶ "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Mark 14:36 (NIV)

3. _____ to him