

1) How do I know I'm Christ?

If the Spirit is in you, then you are in Christ

The image of "adoption" tells us that our relationship with God is based completely on a legal act by the Father. You don't "win" a father, and you don't "negotiate" for a parent. Adoption is a legal act on the part of the father — it is very expensive and costly only for him. There is nothing the son does to win or earn the status. It is simply received.

— Timothy Keller

How do I know I'm in God's family?

If you are in Christ, then you are in God's family

"I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world" (John 17:24)

How do I know I'll always be in God's family?

Being a child means that I have a family now; being an heir means that I have family forever.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) How does the status of adoption affect how you understand what it means to be a Christian?
- 2) Do you think the status of adoption changes the experience of being a Christian? If we didn't have this status, would be a Christian feel different?
- 3) Where do you need to be reminded of your status as a member of God's family?