

The Privileges of Adoption  
Adoption #11  
Ephesians 1:3-23

**I. Introduction.**

- a. The Fatherhood of God.
  - i. The Father of Jesus: Eternally begotten
  - ii. The Father of Believers: By Adoption
  - iii. The Father of Adam: By Creation
  - iv. The Father of Israel: Typological
  - v. The Father of Angels: By Creation
- b. The Privileges of Adoption

**II. The Father of Believers by Adoption.**

- a. God's Eternal Plan (John 7:20-26; Eph. 1:5; 2:18)
- b. Trinitarian Participation (Eph. 1:3-6; 3-14)
- c. Adoption, Accomplished and Applied

**III. The Big Brother of Believers by Adoption.**

- a. What makes us brothers? Our Father (John 20:17; Matt. 6:9-13)
- b. Jesus is the first among many (Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:9-17)

**IV. The Household of God by Adoption.**

- a. There are many metaphors in the Bible.
- b. There is one that pertains to adoption: Household or family.
  - i. Marriage (Eph. 5:25-32)
  - ii. Household (Eph. 2:19; Gal, 6:10)
  - iii. Who belongs? (Mark 3:31-34)

**V. Conclusion:** God has created an irreversible family relationship.