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“He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,” (NASB)

“having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,” (NKJV)

“προορίσας	ἡμᾶς	εἰς	υἰοθεσίαν	διὰ	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ
“having predestined	us	into	placement as sons	through	Jesus	Christ

εἰς	αὐτόν	κατὰ	τὴν	εὐδοκίαν	τοῦ	θελήματος	αὐτοῦ,” (NA21)
into	Himself	according to	the	good pleasure	of the	will	of Him,” (KMT)

Expanded Translation:

“having performed the action in a point in time in the past as a matter of principle to determine ahead of time based on His own initiation us into the limitations and boundaries of placement of a son as an adult in family and society, based on response, through the source of Jesus, an Initiator, Christ, an Initiator, into the limitations and boundaries of Himself, an Initiator, according to the norms and standards of that which is well pleasing to one’s thought process or motivation, based on response, of the volitional expression of an individual to carry out a specific course of action in order to accomplish a desired result, objective, or outcome, being a tool or instrument used to accomplish something,”

Principles:

1. God’s redemptive plan for man included the determination to give those in Christ full rights and privileges as adults in His family and kingdom.
2. God determined that believers would not merely be His spiritual offspring in Christ, but that they would also have full rights and privileges as adults in His family and kingdom.
3. As an adult in God’s family and kingdom, the believer is given five specific rights and privileges:
 1. The right to marry Christ as a member of the church, the Bride of Christ.
 2. The right to have a say in family and kingdom affairs through prayer and supplication.
 3. The right to utilize the resources of God through grace given for spiritually living.
 4. The right to go to war to defend God and His kingdom in spiritual battle against Satan and Company & Associates.
 5. The right to a down payment of his future inheritance which is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (cf. 1:14).
4. These rights provide the believer the necessary status and resources to function in the family and kingdom of God.
5. The means through which God accomplished the placement of His spiritual offspring as adults in His family and Kingdom was Jesus Christ.
6. The only way any individual can enter God’s family and kingdom is through Christ (cf. John 14:6).
7. The believer in Christ enters into God’s family and kingdom wherein he is treated as an adult and not as a child.
8. However, spiritual maturity is not a part of the rights and privileges that the believer has entered into

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as a result of faith in Christ.

9. Consequently, though the believer has full rights and privileges as an adult, he is but a spiritual infant who has not clue how to rightly utilize the rights and privileges he has.

10. Thus, the believer must learn how to utilize his rights and privileges by obeying his Heavenly Father and maturing spiritually.

11. God's predetermined decision to place whoever believes as adults in His family and kingdom was well pleasing to His objectives for those who are in Christ.

Conclusion:

Paul adds to the blessings that God has provided believers by identifying that God has granted them full status as adults in God's family and kingdom as a part of His redemptive work through Jesus Christ. Those who are in Christ are adults and can exercise all of their rights and privileges, but need to learn how to do so.