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Ahha

"Father"

Everyone has a father,
not everyone has a dad.

1. What We Were

2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children

of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:1–3

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2. What Was Done

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,
⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

John Frame: “Justification meets our need for a new legal status. Adoption meets our need for a new family.”

Charles Spurgeon: “Adoption gives us the right of children; regeneration gives us the nature of children. We are partakers of both of these, for we are sons.”

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

3. What Is Now True

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

J.I. Packer: “If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child and having God as his father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his whole outlook on life, he does not understand Christianity very well.”

**The Father adopts us.
The Son accomplishes our adoption.
The Spirit assures us of our adoption and
leads us as children of God**

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5. *Which cry defines your daily posture?*

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