

Adoption

1. Definition: Adoption is an act of God whereby he makes us members of his _____. ([John 1:12](#); [Romans 8:14-17](#))
 - A. Through adoption we are _____ family. ([Romans 9:7-8](#); [1 Peter 3:6](#))
 - B. The Holy Spirit bears witness in our hearts that we are God's _____. ([Galatians 4:4-7](#); [1 John 3:1-2](#))
2. Adoption follows _____ and is an outcome of saving faith. ([Galatians 3:26](#); [John 1:12](#))
3. Adoption is distinct from _____.
 - Adoption is about our _____ relationship with God as our Father.
 - Through adoption, we are given many of the greatest _____ that we will know for eternity.
4. The Privileges of Adoption
 - A. Being able to speak to God and relate to him as a good and loving _____ ([Matthew 6:9](#); [Galatians 4:7](#))
 - B. As Father, he shows his _____ for us. ([1 John 3:1](#))
 - C. He _____ us. ([Psalms 103:13-14](#))
 - D. He shows that he takes care of our _____. ([Matthew 6:32](#))
 - E. God give us _____ gifts. ([Matthew 7:11](#))
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 - F. God gives us the gift of the _____. ([Luke 11:13](#))
 - G. God gives us a great _____ in heaven. ([Galatians 4:7](#); [Romans 8:17](#); [1 Peter 1:4](#))
 - H. As a benefit of adoption, the Holy Spirit _____ us. ([Romans 8:14](#))
 - I. God _____ us as his children. ([Hebrews 12:5-6](#))
 - J. As joint heirs with Christ, we have the privilege of _____ both in his sufferings and in his subsequent glory. ([Luke 24:26](#), [Romans 8:17](#))
 - K. Through God's adoption, we are members of one _____. ([Romans 1:13](#); [1 Corinthians 1:10](#); [James 1:2](#))

L. We are to _____ our Father in our conduct. ([Ephesians 5:1](#); [1 Peter 1:14-16](#))

M. Our _____ shows that we honor our heavenly Father and bring glory to him. ([Matthew 5:16](#); [Philippians 2:15](#))

Discussion Questions

1. Why is adoption more personal than regeneration or justification?
2. Why is it significant that adoption is tied to faith rather than to regeneration?
3. How is God's grace magnified through granting us adoption?
4. What does it mean to you that you can call God your Father?
5. How should the reality of being brothers and sisters in God's family affect conflict, jealousy, or comparison within the church?
6. How can we distinguish the loving fatherly discipline from God as different from mere hardship or punishment?
7. How can we gain a richer appreciation of the doctrine of adoption?