



SAVED means what?
 Week 10: LIVING ADOPTED
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May 1st WHY do I need saving? GRACE
 May 8th WHERE IS ? ? ? Atonement
 May 15th Anatomy of Sin
 May 22nd ♥ at 1st Sight? Repentance
 May 29th Repentance - Zacchaeus
 June 5th Faith
 June 12th Conversion

June 19th Regeneration
 June 26th – Pr RCB Justification
 July 3rd OFF
 July 10th Adoption
 July 17th – Pr RCB Sanctification
 July 24th – Pr RCB Perseverance
 July 31st
 August 7th

August 14th
 August 21st
 August 28th
 Also gone: 9/4th NO WNC,
 9/11th Kick OFF, 10/16th
 Fall: PSALMS? ☹

Am wondering WHAT could be added to the lineup to stay on SAVED topic. Looking in The Message of Salvation:
 #7 - Expiation & Propitiation #18 - Glorification
 #8 - Reconciliation #19 - The Mission (Mt 28) Have them divide into small groups and share their testimonies?
 #9 - Resurrection REWARDS.
 #12 - Union w/Christ
 #15 - Communion of the saints

ANY of these can be inserted into the Equation line up in any placement.
 Handouts: **Wk1** Names of God. **Wk3** Isaiah 59 H.O. **Wk5** Colossians 3 Worksheet.

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- REPENTANCE - Zacchaeus
- FAITH has a footprint, a step...FAITH does & FAITH does not (Blind man)
- CONVERSION – Turn from Turn to
- REGENERATION – Brand New
- JUSTIFICATION – To Know we have sin and Receive our pardon->acceptance from God
 Justification is the legal determination of Righteousness in Salvation.

– Tsunami happening at once

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Adoption

Google Search: Pet Adoption. Toddlers for Adoption. Child Adoption. Putting up a child for adoption. Dog adoption. Adoption Center. Adoption agencies. Adoption papers. Adoption Centers for humans.

Acknowledging Adoption v.s. Living in the realm of ADOPTION

Living adopted is very different than understanding the concept of adoption.
 Acknowledging that God adopts us =

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This statement sounds great, but what does it mean?

How does it affect my life?

Does it affect my life?

I. What Adoption Is:

- Act of grace whereby God places as sons & daughters those who receive Christ Jesus, bestowing on them all the rights and privileges of being His child.
- Regeneration brings about a change in our nature.
- Adoption brings about a change of our position. It is a legal, judicial act.

GREEK:

The Greek word for adoption means “being placed as a son”.: Greek *huiothesia*, a word composed of *huios* ‘a son’ and *thesis* ‘to place, or constitute’.

A. Spiritual Adoption:

Would you define Adoption as:

Romans 7:6

⁶ But now we have been released from the Law. We have died with respect to the thing that controlled us, so that we can be slaves in the new life under the Spirit, not in the old life under the written Law.

The issue is not that a person of the Spirit might sometimes succumb to fleshly temptation. Rather, the issue is that a person either had God's Spirit in them, hence lived a life oriented toward God, or a person had nothing more than themselves to depend on, hence could live only according to the flesh.

Keener, C. S. (2009). *Romans* (pp. 98–110). Cascade Books.

Romans 8:3

³ God has done what was impossible for the Law, since it was weak because of selfishness. God condemned sin in the body by sending his own Son to deal with sin in the same body as humans, who are controlled by sin.

The heart of the problem with the law (8:3) was what it **was not designed to do**: it righteously teaches right from wrong, but **it does not transform a person to be righteous, to undo the power of sin Adam introduced into humanity.**

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Romans 8:4

⁴ He did this so that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us. Now the way we live is based on the Spirit, not based on selfishness.

What flesh could not accomplish, however, God did in Christ; the Spirit within believers would cause them to live out righteousness (8:4). That Paul attributes this empowerment to the law of the Spirit is not surprising, for the new covenant differed from the old covenant precisely in that God's people would now obey it (Jer 31:32–33) by God's own Spirit (Ezek 36:27).

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So this means....



Romans 8:14-15

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¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children,¹⁷ and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—seeing that we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

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(Romans 8:1-17 = New Life the Spirit gives us)

With this understanding: Where does "Just do better!" "Try harder!" come from?

LAW = Bondage

SPIRIT = Adoption

Romans 8:16-17

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What replaces "Do better"

Being His Children.

B. Cultural Adoption:

*Roman adoption was always rendered more serious and more difficult by the Roman patria potestas. [POH.TESS.TOSS] This was **the father's power over his family**; it was the power of absolute disposal and control, and in the early days was actually the power of life and death.*

- **Potestas:**...Civil law. A Latin word which signifies power; authority; domination; empire. It has several meanings.
 1. It signifies imperium or the jurisdiction of magistrates.
 2. The power of the father over his children, patriapotestas.
 3. The authority of masters over their slaves, which makes it nearly synonymous with dominium. A Law Dictionary, Adapted to the Constitution and Laws of the United States. By John Bouvier. Published 1856.
- In regard to his father, a Roman son never came of age. No matter how old he was, he was still under the patria potestas, in the absolute possession and under the absolute control, of his father. Obviously, this made adoption into another family a very difficult and serious step. In adoption a person had to pass from one patria potestas to another.

Two steps to Adoption:

1: The first was known as **mancipatio**, and was carried out by a symbolic sale, in which copper and scales were symbolically used. Three times the symbolism of sale was carried out. Twice the father symbolically sold his son, and twice he bought him back; but the third time he did not buy him back and thus the patria potestas was held to be broken.

(monk.a.pa.tio)

2: There followed a ceremony called **vindicatio**. The adopting father went to the praetor (preeder) (judicial officer), one of the Roman magistrates, and presented a legal case for the transference of the person to be adopted into his patria potestas. When all this was completed, the adoption was complete. Clearly this was a serious and an impressive step.

(Ecclesiastical) IPA: /vin.di'ka.tsi.o/, [vinɔ̃dɪ'ka:tʃiɔ]

Four Main Consequences of Adoption:

- 1.) The adopted person lost all rights in their old family and gained all the rights of a legitimate child in their new family. In the most binding legal way, they got a new father.
- 2.) It followed that they became heir to their new father's estate. Even if other children were born afterwards, it did not affect your rights. You are inalienably co-heir with them.
- 3.) In law, the old life of the adopted person was completely wiped out. (i.e. ALL debts were cancelled.) They were regarded as a new person entering into a new life with which the past had nothing to do.
- 4.) In the eyes of the law they were absolutely the child of their new father.

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Roman history provides an outstanding case of how completely this was held to be true. The Emperor Claudius adopted Nero in order that he might succeed him on the throne; they were not in any sense blood relations. Claudius already had a daughter, Octavia.

[To cement the alliance Nero wished to marry her. Nero and Octavia were in no sense blood relations; yet, in the eyes of the law, they were brother and sister; and before they could marry, the Roman senate had to pass special legislation.]

C. Adoption Witness:

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• **Testifies Together:**

Another picture from Roman adoption. He says that God's spirit witnesses with our spirit that we really are His children.

- *The adoption ceremony was carried out in the presence of seven witnesses. Now, suppose the adopting father died and there was some dispute about the right of the adopted son to inherit, one or more of the seven witnesses stepped forward and swore that the adoption was genuine. Thus, the right of the adopted person was guaranteed and he entered into his inheritance.*

Paul is saying: It is the Holy Spirit Himself who is the witness to our adoption into the family of God

Romans 8:16 *The Spirit Himself testifies with **our spirit** that we are God's children. **HCSB**
The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **NKJV***

Ephesians 1:5-6

⁵ *God destined us to be His adopted children through Jesus Christ because of His love. This was according to His goodwill and plan ⁶ and to honor His glorious grace that He has given to us freely through the Son whom He loves. **CEB***

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ *But when the fulfillment of the time came, God sent his Son, born through a woman, and born under the Law. ⁵ This was so He could redeem those under the Law so that we could be adopted. ⁶ Because you are sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" ⁷ Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son or daughter, and if you are His child, then you are also an heir through God. **CEB***

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D. Paul's Emphasis:

- Paul is hammering away at this Adoption Concept – mentioned 5X.
- Note in each reference **adoption is contrasted** with something.

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Adoption OR: Spirit of slavery and fear. A former attitude. We become HEIRS of God.

Heir: **-noun**

1.a person who inherits or has a right of inheritance inthe property of another following the latter's death.

2.a.(in common law) a person who inherits all the property of a deceased person, as by descent, relationship, will, or legal process.

b. *Civil Law* . a person who legally succeeds to the place of a deceased person and assumes the rights and obligations of the deceased, as the liabilities for debts or the possessory rights to property.

3.a person who inherits or is entitled to inherit the rank, title, position, etc., of another.

Origin: 1225–75; Middle English *eir, heir* < Old French < Latin *hērēd-* (stem of *hērēs*); akin to Greek *chēros* bereaved

Romans 8:20-23 CEB

²⁰ Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the One who subjected it—but in the hope²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. ²² **We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now.** ²³ And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free.

Adoption OR: Groaning (anticipation, desire) of creation and our own in expectation of Self Fulfillment. [Groaning (anticipation, desire) of creation and our own with no expectation of the future part of fulfillment. A former expression.]

Romans 9:3-8 CEB

³ I wish I could be cursed, cut off from Christ if it helped my brothers and sisters, who are my flesh-and-blood relatives.⁴ They are Israelites. The adoption as God's children, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law, the worship, and the promises belong to them. ⁵ The Jewish ancestors are theirs, and the Christ descended from those ancestors. He is the one who rules over all things, who is God, and who is blessed forever. Amen.

Israel and God's choice

⁶ But it's not as though God's word has failed. Not all who are descended from Israel are part of Israel. ⁷ Not all of Abraham's children are called Abraham's descendants, but instead your descendants will be named through Isaac.^[a] ⁸ That means it isn't the natural children who are God's children, **but it is the children from the promise who are counted as descendants.**

Adoption OR: Pledging our allegiance to our Family of origin, lineage.

Galatians 4:3-7 CEB

³ In the same way, when we were minors, we were also enslaved by this world's system. ⁴ But when the fulfillment of the time came, God sent his Son, born through a woman, and born under the Law. ⁵ This was so He could redeem those under the Law so that we could be adopted. ⁶ Because you are sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" ⁷ Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son or daughter, and if you are His child, then you are also an heir through God.

Adoption OR: Bondage under the law, EARNING MY SALVATION [A former position where we have to do everything on the list. We become members of God's family.]

Ephesians:1:4-14 CEB

⁴ God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. ⁵ God destined us to be His adopted children through Jesus Christ because of His love. This was according to His goodwill and plan ⁶ and to honor His glorious grace that He has given to us freely through the Son whom He loves. ⁷ We have been ransomed through His Son's blood, **and we have forgiveness for our failures** based on His overflowing grace, ⁸ which He poured over us with wisdom and understanding. ⁹ God revealed His hidden design^[a] to us, which is according to His goodwill and the plan that He intended to accomplish through His Son. ¹⁰ This is what God planned for the climax of all times:^[b] to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. ¹¹ We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to His design. ¹² We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. ¹³ You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. ¹⁴ The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

Adoption OR: Our failures, former life of sin. [A former behavior.]

We are either Adopted into A FULL HEIR OF CHRIST'S...or

Adopted OR: A Slave to Fear.

Adopted OR: Self-Desire.

Adopted OR: Family Lineage.

Adopted OR: Earning my Salvation. Doing it Myself. DO BETTER.

Adopted OR: Loving My Sin.

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Jesus says: **Hebrews 2:10-13** CEB

¹⁰ It was appropriate for God, for whom and through whom everything exists, to use experiences of suffering to make perfect the pioneer of salvation. This salvation belongs to many sons and daughters whom He's leading to glory. ¹¹ This is because the One who makes people holy and the people who are being made holy all come from one source. **That is why Jesus isn't ashamed to call them brothers and sisters** when He says,

¹² *I will publicly announce Your name to **my brothers and sisters**.*

I will praise you in the middle of the assembly.^[a]

Hebrews 2:12 Psalm 22:22

I will proclaim Your name to my brothers; I will praise You in the congregation.

¹³ He also says,

I will rely on Him.^[a]

b. Hebrews 2:13 Isaiah 8:17

I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob. I will wait for Him.

And also,

Here I am with the children whom God has given to Me.

c. Hebrews 2:13 Isaiah 8:18

Here I am with the children the Lord has given me to be signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of Hosts who dwells on Mount Zion.

- God is the Adopter.
- We are the Adopted.
- Jesus Christ is the Agent, who made it possible.

Colossians 3:1-10 CEB PUT ON...TAKE OFF

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. ² Think about the things above and not things on earth. ³ You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

⁵ *So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. ⁷ You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. ⁸ But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. ⁹ Don't lie to each other. **Take off the old human nature with its practices ¹⁰ and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it.***

THERE is NO "Do Better". THERE is just: PUT ON CHRIST. **HOW do we PUT ON Christ?**

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NOTES:

1 John 3:2 CEB

² *Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when He appears we will be like Him because we'll see Him as He is.*

- Adoption is past, present, and future.
- I was saved, I am being saved, and I will be saved.

II. My response to Adoption: [The Adoption Test]

Do I live like God's kid? Am I confident or wondering?

Do I embrace all that **Adoption brings:**

Luke 11:11-13; John 17:23	We receive a Father's compassion and care.
Psalm 23:1	He provides our needs.
Psalm 144:1-2	He protects us.
John 14:26	He instructs us.
Hebrews 12:7	He corrects us.
Hebrews 4:14-16	We have bold access to God.
1 John 3:1-2	We become more and more like Christ.
Romans 8:17; 1 Peter 1:3-5	We become heirs of God with Christ.

Do I portray **Evidences of adoption:**

Romans 8:4; Galatians 5:18	Led by the Spirit.
Galatians 4:5-6	Childlike confidence in God.
Ephesians 3:12	Confident access to God.
1 John 2:9-11; 5:1	Love for the brethren.
1 John 5:1-3	Obedience to God.

- Is slavery/addiction/fear a former attitude?
- Is self-fulfillment a former expression?
- Is my natural family of origin a former allegiance? (*I can't because my family would not understand or I have always been treated like dirt so dirt I must be.*)
- Is my esteem based on my accomplishments (a former position) or on God's accomplishments?
- Do I live like God's kid or do I embrace my former behavior?

WHOSE KID AM I?

**One can tell by what I think about myself
And by how I live my life**

Adoption means = How has my definition changed now that....

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NAME. Value of a good, Prov. 22:1; Eccl. 7:1. A new name given to persons who have spiritual adoption, Isa. 62:2. To Abraham, Gen. 17:5; Sarah, Gen. 17:15; Jacob, Gen. 32:28; Paul, Acts 13:9. Intercessional influence of the name of Jesus, see **JESUS, IN HIS NAME**.¹

- Value of a good name:

Proverbs 22:1

A good reputation/name is better than much wealth; high esteem is better than silver and gold.

CEB *A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.* **NKJV**

Ecclesiastes 7:1

A good name is better than fine oil, and the day of death better than the birthday. **CEB**

A good name is better than precious ointment, And the day of death than the day of one's birth; **NKJV**

- A new name given to persons who have spiritual adoption:

Isaiah 62:2

Nations will see your righteousness, all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name, which the Lord's own mouth will determine. **CEB**

- **I.E.**

Abraham, Gen. 17:5

Sarah, Gen. 17:15

Jacob, Gen. 32:28

Paul, Acts 13:9

- Based on justification the sinner can then be adopted into God's family.²

In His Name:

In His Name. 1 Cor. 6:11; Phil. 2:9; Col. 3:17; Rev. 19:16. Prayer, John 14:13; 16:23, 24, 26; Eph. 5:20; Col. 3:17; Heb. 13:15. Miracles performed, Acts 3:6; 4:10; 19:13; baptism, Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38. Preaching, Luke 24:47. Faith, Matt. 12:21; John 1:12; 2:23. Remission of sins, Luke 24:47; Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:12. Life, John 20:31. Salvation, Acts 4:12; 10:43.³

¹ Swanson, J., & Nave, O. (1994). *New Nave's Topical Bible*. Logos Research Systems.

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