

2013 Basic Doctrines (28) **(Adoption Into The Family of God)**

The Greek word for adoption is huio/thesia (huios) [legal son] and (tithemi) [placed]. ADOPTION means to be legally placed into a family as a child with legal rights of inheritance that he would not have had naturally.

Our lesson text opens with a particle used with an inferential conjunction of sequence (ara oun) [so then]. Peter reminds us that when reading Paul you must put your thinking cap on (2Pet.3:15-16).

Paul is using (ara oun) [so then] (Rom. 8:12) to bring a discussion started in Ch.8:1-11 into a new subject of Divine Adoption. Paul used three Greek markers in this transition (gar) [for] (vs.13, 14 and 15).

This lesson will study <u>FIVE aspects</u> of ADOPTION INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD.

1. Every member of the human race is born physically into an illegitimate spiritual status because of Adam's Original Sin (AOS).

(Heb.12:7-8) "It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? **But if (1cc) [true] you are without discipline**, of which all have become partakers, **then (ara) you are illegitimate children (nothos) and not sons (huios).**"

If you are saved, you are a legitimate son of God because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you are not saved, you are an illegitimate son of Adam.

(1 Cor.15:22 "For in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive." (1 Cor.15:45; Rom.5:21-21)

2. The moment a person believes that Jesus Christ died as a substitute for his sins, was buried and then raised from the dead to give him eternal life, his spiritual status changes from illegitimate to legitimate because of adoption into the family of God (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

(Gal.3:26) "For you are **all sons of God** through faith in Christ Jesus."

(John 1:12-13) "But as many as received Him, to them **He gave the right to become children of God**, even to those who believe in His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God.**"

3. In divine adoption, the person identified as a child of spiritual birth or regeneration

(Born Again) (John 3:3, 5, 7; Titus 3:5-7; 1 Pet.1:23)
(Redeemed) and placed into the family of God.

The theology of adoption is legally placing the born again child into the family of God by changing his spiritual status from illegitimate to legitimate son.

The theology of adoption is the redemptive purchase of the person from the slave market of AOS (Eph.1:3-8; Rom.5:21-21).

(Eph.1:5) “He predestined us to **adoption as sons** through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of his will.”

(Eph.1:7) “In Him we have **redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses; according to the riches of His grace.”

Because of redemption, he is placed into a legal position as a son and joint-heir with inheritance as if he was naturally born to this family.

4. Adoption into the family of God is one of eight works of the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation that can never be lost in time or eternity.

(Gal.4:5-7) “In order that He might **redeem** those who were under the Law, **that we might receive the adoption as sons**. And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts**, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and **if (1cc) a son, then an heir through God.**” (Rom.8:15-17)

Divine adoption also establishes the 20 status privileges of identity as a child of the family of God (See “[50 Things Free](#)”).

5. Adoption into the family of God is sealed by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption

(Rom.8:17) “And if (1cc) **children**, heirs also, **heirs of God** and **fellow heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.”

(Rom.8:23) “And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons**, the redemption of our body.”

(Eph.1:13-14) “In Him, you also after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also **believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.”; (Eph.1:5) (Adoption)**

ONCE ADOPTED ALWAYS ADOPTED!