

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, June 14, 2026



sermon: "The Blessing of Adoption" - Ephesians 1:5-14

Big Idea: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are (1 Jn. 3:1a, ESV)."

I. The Blessing of Adoption vv. 5-6, 11)

A. There is great dignity in adoption. Adopting a child is a life-affirming choice, and out of His great love for us and grace toward us, God has chosen us as His own. In adoption we see:

1. In Christ, we have a permanent inheritance (v. 11; cf. Rom. 8:14-17) – We have all the rights of natural born children.
2. In Christ, we have a new identity (cf. Gal. 4:4-7).
3. In Christ, we have a future and a hope (cf. 1 Pet. 1:3-4) – God will never disown us.

B. The blessing of God's adoption is the assurance of a secure home and a forever family anchored by the gracious gift of God through the redemptive work of Christ.

II. The Payment for Adoption (vv. 7-10, 12)

A. In adoption, we see God's free offer of salvation through Christ, but that doesn't mean it came without cost (v. 7; cf. Mk. 10:45; Tit. 2:14). In redemption, we see that Jesus is the:

1. Sacrifice for sin (cf. Heb. 9:22; 1 Jn. 4:10).
2. Propitiation for sin (cf. 1 Jn. 2:1-2).
3. Substitution for sin (cf. 2 Cor. 5:21).

III. The Promises of Adoption (vv. 13-14)

A. When we are adopted into God's family, we stay His children. God's sealing us with the Holy Spirit means that we are His and nothing can take that away. In Christ, God fulfills all His promises and we have been:

1. Marked with His presence (v. 13) – The Holy Spirit's work in our life indicates that we are in Christ and belong to His family.
2. Sealed with His promise (v. 14; cf. 2 Cor. 1:20-22) – The Holy Spirit serves as a down payment, guaranteeing our future hope.

B. Adoption reveals the very heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In our adoption, God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

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