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# Sermon notes

A WEEKLY RESOURCE FOR AIDING THE APPLICATION OF THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON AT REDEEMER TO YOUR LIFE.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How has your understanding of adoption changed your view of *belonging*?
2. How is your *value* determined by your status as adopted?
3. How does being adopted increase your amazement over God's *love*?
4. What does adoption into a new family mean for your old name and old life before adoption?

## SERMON OUTLINE

"God's Gift of Adoption"  
December 2, 2012

Selected Passages  
Pastor Tony Felich

*"Adoption is a family idea, conceived in terms of love, and viewing God as father. In Adoption, God takes us into His family and fellowship, and establishes us as His children and heirs. Closeness, affection, and generosity are at the heart of the relationship."* - J.I. Packer

**Matthew 6:9** Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**1 John 3:1-2** [1] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

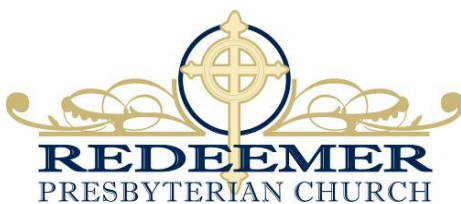
**Galatians 4:4-7** [4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. [6] And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" [7] So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**Romans 8:14-17** [14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [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, [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.

**Ephesians 1:4-6** [4] even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love [5] he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

**God has made us His sons and daughters because of Jesus. Through adoption we have a sense of belonging, value, and being loved.**

*Westminster Confession on Adoption*-All those that are justified, God vouchsafes, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption, by which they are: taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God, have His name put upon them, receive the spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, are enabled to cry, Abba, Father, are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by Him as by a Father: yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption; and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.



## Redeemer Happenings

- » **Good Samaritan Center Annual Christmas Program** – Saturday, December 8th from 10:00–11:00 AM everyone is invited to join us at the Good Samaritan Center (20705 W. 151st St., Olathe). If you can play an instrument, or just want to come be a blessing to the residents, please join us. Contact Brian with questions or to let him know what song(s) you'll play (if playing an instrument) at [bhough@redeemer-pca.org](mailto:bhough@redeemer-pca.org).
- » **Christmas Pageant, 12/9 -6pm**
- » **Nathan Clark George Concert, 12/16 -6pm**
- » **Christmas Eve Service, 12/24- 7pm**