

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Rev. Tony Felich

The True Gifts of Christmas: Adoption

Selected Passages

December 4, 2022

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>1 John 3:1a See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.</p> <p>Galatians 4:4 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.</p> <p>Romans 8:15 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.</p> <p>Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [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 to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,</p>	<p>In a gift of love and grace beyond words, God, through Christ, has bestowed upon us the honor and status of sons and daughters through adoption.</p> <p>I. We are taken into God’s Family with a sense of belonging and access to our Father through Christ.</p> <p>II. Our Father cares for us.</p> <p>III. Our Father has provided a sure, eternal inheritance.</p> <p>Memory verses for 2022-</p> <p>1 Corinthians 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.</p>

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1. Discuss this statement from "Knowing God" by J.I. Packer:

"Our understanding of Christianity cannot be better than our grasp of adoption... If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much they make of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father.

If this is not the thought that prompts and controls their worship and prayers and whole outlook on life, it means that they do not understand Christianity very well at all."

2. How might "adoption" be considered a "feel good" doctrine?

3. Discuss how God cares for his children. What does this care include?

4. What role does the Holy Spirit have in our Adoption?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: