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LESSON 45: ADOPTION

“But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, “He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” – John 1:12-13

Adoption: “Adoption is the legal transaction in which God the Father allows those who he regenerates and justifies to be allowed into his eternal family.” J.I. Packer

Main Point: *Jesus’s sacrificial love not only changes our sinful condition but also positions us as sons and daughters so that we may glorify God and enjoy him and our new family forever.*

I. Nature of Adoption

- A. The Planning of Adoption (Ephesians 1:5; 3:15 Acts 17:28)
- B. The Human Condition Before Adoption
 - 1. Children of the devil (John 8:39, 44)
 - 2. Children of wrath Eph. 2:3
 - 3. Enslaved (Gal. 4:3, 9)
- C. Secured By Jesus (Galatians 4:4-7; 3:26; John 1:12)
- D. A Change in Condition and Status (Romans 6:18; 1 John 3:1)

II. Purpose of Adoption

- A. Adoption Is for the Glory of God (Ephesians 1:5-6)
- B. Reveals God’s Great Love (1 John. 3:1; Luke. 15:17-24)
- C. Sweet Fellowship (1 John 1:3)

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III. Benefits of Adoption

A. Sermon on the Mount: Gives Us A Standard for How to Be Christian

1. Basis for Godly Living (Matthew 5:44-45, 48; 5:16; 6:9; 6:1-18)
2. Basis for Prayer (Matthew 6:9)
3. Basis for Faithfulness (Matthew 6:25-26, 31-33)

B. Ministry of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

C. The Highest Privilege (Romans 8:16-17; Hebrews 2:10; 1 John 3:1-2)

1. We are called son's and daughters of God
2. Promised Inheritance
3. Union with Christ

D. Assurance

1. Adoption is permanent (Romans 8:29-30, 38-39)
2. God makes that known (Romans 8:16-17)