

The Blessing of the Reality of Divine Adoption

Part 2

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Reality #1 The timing of Christ's coming points to the sovereignty of God.

Reality #2 The origin of Christ's coming points to the deity of Christ.

Reality #3 The manner of Christ's coming points to the humanity of Christ.

Reality #4 The condition of Christ's coming points to the primacy of God's Law.

Reality #5 The purpose of Christ's coming points to the goodness of God.

Redemption

Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

1 John 3:8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. The Antinomian view of the Christian life is heresy.

Adoption

Romans 9:4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises,

Ephesians 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

Romans 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.

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Romans 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

The process through which the Holy Spirit comes to indwell sinful men.

Illumination and Regeneration.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

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The Holy Spirit indwells the sinner.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

The results of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in sinful men.

The Holy Spirit indwelling is a baptizing into Christ. 3:27

The Holy Spirit's indwelling is a transforming work. 5:16,18, 22–26

“If someone feels love toward the Word of God and willingly listens and talks and writes and thinks of Christ, this is not the product of human will or reason but is the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Luther

The Holy Spirit's indwelling is a comforting work. Romans 8:26–28

“Although, I am oppressed with anguish and fear on every side and seem to be forsaken and utterly cast away from your presence, I am still your child and you are my Father, for Christ's sake. I am loved because of the beloved.” Luther

What if I am not sensing the indwelling presence of God's Spirit?

Romans 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

“Although the law accuses me, and sin and death make me ever so afraid, yet, O my God, you promise grace, righteousness', and everlasting life, through Jesus Christ.”