

## What is Redemption? Lesson 11 – Adoption

### Introduction

- God has ordained an order for the steps in salvation.
  - Election (God’s plan before creation)
  - The Gospel call (The proclamation of the Gospel)
  - Regeneration (Being born again)
  - Conversion (Faith and repentance)
  - Justification (God declaring us righteous)
  - Adoption (Membership in God’s family)
  - Sanctification (The life-long process of purification)
  - Perseverance (Remaining a Christian)
  - Death (Going to be with the Lord)
  - Glorification (Receiving a resurrection body)
- Whenever we think of everything that God has done for us in the doctrine of redemption, it should make us stand in \_\_\_\_\_ of our God!

***Psa 126.3*** The LORD has done **great things for us**; whereof we are glad.

***1 Tim 1.15*** This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save **sinners, of whom I am foremost**.

***Eph 1.5*** he predestined us for **adoption** as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of adoption

A. Adoption means that God makes us His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- God had to give up a \_\_\_\_\_ in order to gain us as His sons.

***Gal 4.4–5*** 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**.

- God put His Spirit within us so that we would be characterized by His \_\_\_\_\_.

***Gal 4.6*** And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “**Abba! Father!**”

**2 Pet 1.4** by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

- God has made us heirs who get to share the \_\_\_\_\_ with His firstborn Son, Jesus.

**Gal 4.7** So you are no longer a slave, but a son, **and if a son, then an heir through God.**

**Rom 8.16–17** 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.

- B. Before we are saved, we are considered children of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**John 8.44** **You are of your father the devil**, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- C. As unbelievers, we are considered God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Rom 5.10** For if **while we were enemies** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

- D. As unbelievers, our attitude toward God is to \_\_\_\_\_ God and His ways.**

**Job 21.14** They say to God, 'Depart from us!  
**We do not desire the knowledge of your ways.**

**Rom 1.30** slanderers, **haters of God**, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

- E. Before we are saved, we belong to the family of those who \_\_\_\_\_ against the holy and true God.**

**Eph 2.1–2** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the **sons of disobedience**—

- F. As sons and daughters of Adam, we were born into a \_\_\_\_\_ state, deserving God's wrath.**

**Eph 2.3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were **by nature children of wrath**, like the rest of mankind.

**G. To be delivered from this hopeless imprisonment requires nothing short of becoming a new \_\_\_\_\_ through the regeneration of the new birth.**

**1 Pet 1.23** since you have been **born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable**, through the living and abiding word of God;

**2 Cor 5.17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is **a new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

- **When we are born again, God \_\_\_\_\_ us in the image of His Son.**

**Rom 8.29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the **image of his Son**, in order that he might be the **firstborn among many brothers**.

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of adoption**

**A. Adoption helps us see the greatness of God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us.**

**1 John 3.1** See what kind of love the Father has given to us, **that we should be called children of God**; and so we are.

**John 15.9** As the Father loved me, **so have I loved you**.

**B. Adoption helps us see our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.**

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- **Our identity affects the way we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Eph 5.8** for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light**

**Col 1.10** so as to **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

**C. Adoption helps us see our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.**

**John 1.12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, **he gave the right to become children of God**,

- God's children have the privilege of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matt 7.11** *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more **will your Father who is in heaven give good things** to those who ask him!*

**Matt 6.31–33** *Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and **your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.** 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and **all these things will be added to you.***

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**Micah 7.9** *He will again have compassion on us; He will **tread our iniquities underfoot.** He will **protect us from evil.***

- The promise of God's protection is not a promise that we'll never have any \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Pet 1.6–7** *In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been **grieved by various trials,** 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

**1 Pet 1.9** *obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

**Gen 50.20** *As for you, **you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good,** to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.*

**Acts 14.22** *strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that **through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.***

**Rom 8.28** *And we know that for those who love God **all things work together for good,** for those who are called according to his purpose.*

- Even if you are persecuted and your body is killed, God will never let you fall into \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matt 10.28** *And **do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.** Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

**Matt 10.29-31** *Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? **And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.** But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.***

**Matt 5.10** *Blessed are those who are **persecuted** for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven.***

**John 10.28** *I give them **eternal life**, and they will **never perish**, and **no one will snatch them out of my hand.***

- God's children have the privilege of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Prov 13.24** *Whoever spares the rod **hates his son**, but he who **loves him** is diligent to discipline him.*

- God's discipline is an act of \_\_\_\_\_, not anger.

**Heb 12.6** *For the Lord **disciplines** the one he **loves**, and **chastises** every son whom he receives."*

- Those that are not disciplined by God are not \_\_\_\_\_ children of God.

**Heb 12.7-8** *It is for discipline that you have to endure. **God is treating you as sons.** For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? **8** If you are left **without discipline**, in which all have participated, then you are **illegitimate children and not sons.***

- The Father's discipline leads to greater \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

**Heb 12.9** *Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be **subject to the Father** of spirits and live?*

- The Father's discipline leads to greater \_\_\_\_\_.

**Heb 12.10** *For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us **for our good**, that we may share his holiness.*

- Discipline \_\_\_\_\_ that we're children of God because it produces the evidence of holiness in us.

**Heb 12.11** *For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful **fruit of righteousness** to those who have been trained by it.*

- God's children have the privilege of \_\_\_\_\_ with their Father in prayer.
  - As our Father who loves us, He welcomes us into His presence to **TALK** to Him and \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

**Rom 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!**"*

- Adoption teaches us to run to our Father and \_\_\_\_\_ His presence.

**Heb 4.15–16** *Let us then **with confidence draw near** to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

#### Conclusion:

- Before the foundation of the world, God chose us to be His children.
- He sent His only Son to be the offering for our sins.
- He sent out witnesses to us that proclaimed the Gospel to us.
- He sent His Holy Spirit to give us new life and draw us to faith and repentance.
- He has given us His own righteousness.
- He has adopted us as His own children and given us many privileges.
- All of these things should make us stand in awe of the greatness of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God toward us.
- It should make us \_\_\_\_\_ to Him that He has been so good to people like us.
- It should make us \_\_\_\_\_ to serve the Lord with faithfulness and proclaim the Gospel with courage.