

### REDEEMED Series Road Map

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### Redeemed #40 – Adoption Part 2

#### Book Recommendation:

- [Free Grace Broadcaster, Issue 246 “Adoption” \(Chapel Library, 2018\)](#)
- [Rob Ventura, Adopted into God’s Family \(Chapel Library, 2020\)](#)

#### 1 - Adoption

##### 1a) What is Adoption

##### 1b) Through Jesus

##### 1c) Pure grace

##### 1d) Adoption & the Order of Salvation

##### 1e) Adoption Illustrated

#### 2 – The Adopted Become Sons of God

**Eph. 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, **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, **8** which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight **9** making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ **10** as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. **11** In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, **12** so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. **13** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**2a) What it means to be a Sons of God**

**Rom. 8:14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

**Gal. 3:26** for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

So, sonship relates to 3 huge concepts:

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

**Matt. 3:17** and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**1John 3:10** By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Jesus, the Firstborn Son

**Col. 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**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.

Dr. Stephen Wellum wrote:

...Connecting the imaging function of Christ to his role in creation by Paul's reference to Christ as "the firstborn of all creation" ...in terms of *rank* and *authority*. Paul's use of *firstborn* comes out of the Old Testament. Israel's identity as God's "firstborn" son (Ex. 4:22) entailed the nation's status as representative and ruler for God in the world. And the Davidic king also received the title: "I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth" (Ps. 89:27). *Firstborn*, then has the connotation of supreme over, which is precisely its meaning in Colossians 1:15.

**2c) The Privileges of Sonship**

1 – Privilege of Receiving God's Fatherly Love

**John 1:11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. **12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Eph. 1:4** 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,

**1John 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. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

## 2 – The Privilege of Having Access to our Loving Father

**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!” **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.

## 3 – The Privilege of Receiving our Father’s Loving Care

**Rom. 8:31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? **33** Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **36** As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Provision – He provides what we need
  
- Protection – Our loving Father protects us from danger

#### 4 – The Privilege of Receiving our Father’s Loving Discipline

**Heb. 12:3** Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. **4** In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. **5** And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. **6** For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

**Heb 12:7** 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. **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? **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. **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.

Jl Packer wrote about Adoption: “...the entire Christian life has to be understood in terms of it. Sonship must be the controlling thought – the normative category, if you like - at every point.” (Jl Packer, Knowing God, p209)