

The 2nd London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689

Chapter 12 – Of Adoption



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An Internet definition of Adoption...

The action or fact of legally receiving another's child, who will not be raised by his or her birth parents, and bringing him or her up as one's own, with full and permanent legal rights while that child still maintains genetic and psychological connections to their birth family.



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Benjamin Beddome – A Scriptural Exposition of the Baptist Catechism

Q. 37 – What is **adoption**?

A. Adoption is **an act** of God's free grace, whereby **we are received** into the number and have a right to all the privileges of **the sons of God**.



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“Adoption is a change in legal status from that of slave to that of son of God which takes place by faith at the moment of union with Christ, but will be publicly revealed at the resurrection. [Adoption] is an act of God’s free grace flowing from the electing love of God and Father in eternity, **[through the merits of Jesus Christ’s active and passive obedience,]** and the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit in time, and immediately confers the Spirit of adoption and the privilege of being one of God’s heirs, as well as other privileges, obligations and liabilities.”

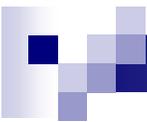
– Dr. Sam Waldron, *A Modern Exposition of the 1689*, Page 170.



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Spiritual Adoption in the Scriptures is always with reference to believers...

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!’”

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.”

Romans 9:4; “For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, 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,”

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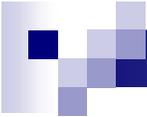
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Some Preliminary Matters

- Rob Ventura, "A New Exposition of the London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689", Pages 222-223

1. Adoption is Trinitarian in Nature.

God the Father grants the adoption. God the Son merits for us the basis for adoption. God the Holy Spirit is given to us at our adoption.

2. Adoption is a Pauline doctrine.

Only Paul uses this term "adoption as sons".

3. Adoption is rooted in Roman custom.

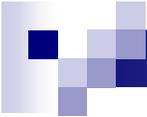
Adult men usually were the recipient of legal and public adoption ceremonies.

4. Adoption is a separate element in our salvation.

Ordo Salutis; Effectual Calling (Regeneration), Saving Faith, Justification & Adoption

5. Adoption is eschatological in its expectation.

We who savingly believe in Jesus Christ are adopted now, and have yet to receive that "fuller and final adoption with our resurrection [bodies] unto glory".



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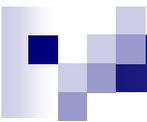
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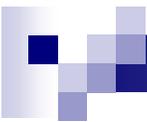
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All those that are justified,



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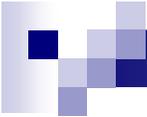
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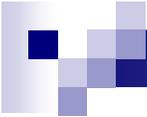
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Justification

One-time Event
Legal Declaration
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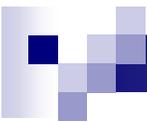
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B. Who is the **Author** of Adoption?

...**God vouchsafed**,



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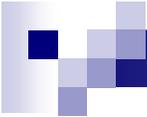
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C. Who is the **Mediator** of Adoption?

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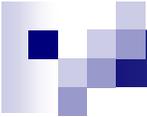
II. The Great Honors of Adoption

- Jim Renihan, “An Exposition of the Second London Baptist Confession of Faith”,
Page 290-292.

A. We are taken into a **new Family**

by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the Liberties, and (b) Priveledges of Children of God;

- (b) **John 1:12**; “But as many as received Him, to them He gave **the right to become children of God**, *even* to those who believe in His name”
Romans 8:17; “...and if children, **heirs also**, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* in order that we may also be glorified with *Him*.”



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B. We are given a new Name

have his (c) name put upon them,

(c) **2 Corinthians 6:18**; “And **I will be a father to you**, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,’ Says the Lord Almighty.”

Revelation 3:12; “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and **I will write upon him the name of My God**, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.”



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C. We are given a new Spirit

(d) receive the Spirit of Adoption,

(d) **Romans 8:15**; “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received **the Spirit** of adoption as sons by whom we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’”



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D. We are given a new Access

(e) have access to the throne of Grace with boldness,

(e) **Ephesians 2:18**; “for through Him we both have our **access** in one Spirit to the Father.”



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III. The Great Benefits of Adoption

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Page 290-292.

A. We are benefited with **new Vocal Cords**

are enabled to cry Abba, Father,

(e) **Galatians 4:6**; “And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, **crying**, ‘Abba, Father!’”



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B. We are benefited with **new Mercy**

are (f) pitied,

(f) **Psalm 103:13**; “Just as a father has compassion on *his* children,
So the LORD has **compassion** on those who fear Him.”



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C. We are benefited with **new Protection**

(g) **[are] protected,**

(g) **Proverbs 14:26;** “In the fear of the LORD there is **strong confidence,**
And his children will have **refuge.**”



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D. We are benefited with **new Provision**

(i) **[are] provided for, and**

(i) **1 Peter 5:7**; “...casting all your anxiety upon Him, because
He **cares** for you.”



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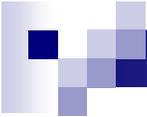
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E. We are benefited with **new Discipline**

(k) **[are] chastened by him, as by a Father;**

(k) **Hebrews 12:6; “FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES
HE **DISCIPLINES**, AND HE **SCOURGES** EVERY SON
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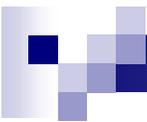
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F. We are benefited with **never Divorce**

yet [are] never (I) cast off;

(1) **Isaiah 54:8, 9**; “In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you,” Says the LORD your Redeemer. For this is like the days of Noah to Me; When **I swore** that the waters of Noah Should not flood the earth again, So **I have sworn** that I will not be angry with you, Nor will I rebuke you.”

Lamentations 3:31; “For the Lord will **not reject forever,**”



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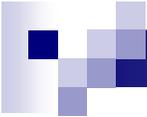
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G. We are benefited with a **non-leak, Signet Seal**

but [are] sealed (m) to the day of Redemption,

(m) **Ephesians 4:30**; “And do not grieve **the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 1:13, 14; In [Christ], you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having believed, you were sealed in Him **with the Holy Spirit** of promise, who is given as **a pledge** of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God’s own* possession, to the praise of His glory.



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IV. The Great Result of Adoption

- Jim Renihan, “An Exposition of the Second London Baptist Confession of Faith”, Page 293.

and inherit the promises, (n) as heirs, of everlasting Salvation.

(n) **Hebrews 1:14**; “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will **inherit salvation**?”

Hebrews 6:12; “...that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience **inherit the promises.**”