

Adoption as Sons

Romans 8:14-17

Galatians 4:4-7	<p>⁴ But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, ⁵ so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.</p>
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Abba = Daddy?

James Barr, “Abba Isn’t Daddy”

Mark 14:32-36	<p>³² They *came to a place named Gethsemane; and He *said to His disciples, “Sit here until I have prayed.” ³³ And He *took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And He *said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch.” ³⁵ And He went a little beyond <i>them</i>, and fell to the ground and <i>began</i> to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by. ³⁶ And He was saying, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.”</p>
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Romans 8:12-13	<p>¹² So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.</p>
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“Adoption as sons” (*huiiothesia*): _____.

huios (a son) + *tithēmi* (to place, to set, to establish)

- **τεκνοθεσία**, adoption as child
- **υιοθεσία**, adoption as son
- **θυγατραθεσία**, adoption as daughter

Galatians 3:28-29	<p>²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.</p>
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The focus is not on _____ but on _____.

The emphasis is not on _____, but on _____.

A. Roman Adaption

I. Background

Almost always _____, mostly _____.

It wasn't about _____, but mostly about _____.

II. Patria Potestas

Roman law: the power of a father

III. Procedures of Roman Adoption

Adoptio: Mancipatio & Vindicatio

IV. Results of Roman Adoption

The adopted person:

① _____ all rights in his _____ family,

and _____ all the rights of a fully legitimate son in his _____ family.

② Became _____ to his new father’s estate.

③ The old life of his was _____.

④ Was _____ and _____ the son of his new father.

B. Significance of Adoption as Sons

I. Similarities

Col 1:13	For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Romans 8:17	and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.
1 Peter 1:3-4	³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,
Col 2:13-14	¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
2 Cor 5:17	Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
Romans 6:11	Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:38-39	³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

II. Differences

Eph 1:3-6	³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
Romans 5:8	But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
1 Peter 1:18-19	knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

C. Individual Adoption vs. Corporate 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 <i>temple</i> service and the promises,
Exodus 4:22-23	‘Thus says the LORD, “Israel is My son, My firstborn. ²³ So I said to you, ‘Let My son go that he may serve Me’”
Amos 3:1-2	Hear this word which the LORD has spoken against you, sons of Israel, against the entire family which He brought up from the land of Egypt: ² “You only have I chosen among all the families of the earth;”
Deut 7:7-8	⁷ “The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers,

Jeremiah 33:23-26	<p>²³ And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,</p> <p>²⁴ “Have you not observed what this people have spoken, saying, ‘The two families which the LORD chose, He has rejected them’? Thus they despise My people, no longer are they as a nation in their sight. ²⁵ Thus says the LORD, ‘If My covenant <i>for</i> day and night <i>stand</i> not, <i>and</i> the fixed patterns of heaven and earth I have not established, ²⁶ then I would reject the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, not taking from his descendants rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them.’”</p>
Romans 11:25-29	<p>²⁵ For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; ²⁶ and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.”</p> <p>²⁷ “THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”</p> <p>²⁸ From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of <i>God’s</i> choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.</p>

Group	Covenant	Characteristics
OT Israel		
Believing Jews in Church Age		
Future Israel		

D. Sealing

Roman Adoption: seven witnesses.

Eph 1:13-14	you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ 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.
2 Cor 1:21-22	²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, ²² who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

I. Seal



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- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____

Eph 4:30	Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
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II. Pledge

It promotes _____ and _____.

2 Cor 5:1-5	For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For indeed in this <i>house</i> we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, ³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. ⁴ For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.
Romans 8:23	we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for <i>our</i> adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.
1 Cor 15:53	For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

III. Security vs. Assurance

Phi1:6	For I am confident of this very thing, that He [God] who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
1 Peter 1:5	who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
Romans 8:29-30	²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined <i>to become</i> conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

2 Peter 1:1-11

Revelation 21:7-8	⁷ He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. ⁸ But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part <i>will be</i> in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”
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Security	Assurance

E. Adoption and Regeneration

Adoption =>

Regeneration =>

The 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith in Modern English

Chapter 12 – Adoption

God has granted that all those who are justified would receive the grace of adoption, in and for the sake of his only Son Jesus Christ. By this they are counted among the children of God and enjoy the freedom and privileges of that relationship. They inherit his name, receive the spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, and are enabled to cry “Abba, Father!” They are given compassion, protected, provided for, and chastened by him as a father. Yet they are never cast off but are sealed for the day of redemption and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

Homework:

Taking the Mystery out of Knowing God’s Will—John MacArthur