





"ADOPTION... IS SURELY THE APEX OF GRACE AND PRIVILEGE. WE WOULD NOT DARE TO CONCEIVE OF SUCH GRACE FAR LESS TO CLAIM IT APART FROM GOD'S OWN REVELATION AND ASSURANCE. IT STAGGERS IMAGINATION BECAUSE OF ITS AMAZING CONDESCENSION AND LOVE."

John Murray

“FOR WE KNOW THAT THE WHOLE CREATION HAS BEEN GROANING TOGETHER IN THE PAINS OF CHILDBIRTH UNTIL NOW. AND NOT ONLY, THE CREATION, BUT WE OURSELVES, WHO HAVE THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THE SPIRIT, GROAN INWARDLY AS WE AWAIT EAGERLY FOR ADOPTION AS SONS, THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODIES.”

Romans 8:22-23

ADOPTION: THE GROANING IN THIS WORLD IS THE GROANING OF CHILDBIRTH.

GOD IS MAKING A FOREVER FAMILY THROUGH CHRIST IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE MOTIVE BEHIND ALL THE MADNESS: THE FATHER’S LOVE



Ephesians 1:5

“IN LOVE, HE PREDESTINED US FOR ADOPTION TO HIMSELF AS SONS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST...”

Ephesians 1:5

“THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH - THAT YOU BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE, MAY HAVE STRENGTH TO COMPREHEND WITH ALL THE SAINTS WHAT IS THE BREADTH AND THE LENGTH AND THE HEIGHT AND DEPTH AND TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE, THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.”

Ephesians 3:17-19

THE MASTERPLAN IS ADOPTION:

GOD’S PURPOSE IS TO MAKE US FULLY A PART OF HIS ROYAL FAMILY.



Ephesians 1:5

“IN LOVE, HE PREDESTINED US FOR ADOPTION TO HIMSELF AS SONS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST...”

Ephesians 1:5

GOD’S GOAL IN CHRIST IS NOT TO HAVE A BUNCH OF INDIVIDUALS BUT TO HAVE A FAMILY, A PEOPLE FOR HIMSELF.

HIS PREDESTINATION IS COLLECTIVE.

THE EXPERIENCE IS PERSONAL BUT THE OBJECTIVE IS COLLECTIVE.

“BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION, THAT YOU MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT. ONCE YOU WERE NOT A PEOPLE, BUT NOW YOU ARE GOD’S PEOPLE; ONCE YOU HAD NOT RECEIVED MERCY, BUT NOW YOU HAVE RECEIVED MERCY.”

1 Peter 2:9-10

GOD'S
GENEROSITY IN
OUR ADOPTION:

GOD SPARED NO
EXPENSE TO
ADOPT US - EVEN
AT THE PRICE OF
GOD'S ONLY
BEGOTTEN SON.



Ephesians 1:5

"IN LOVE, HE PREDESTINED US FOR ADOPTION TO
HIMSELF AS SONS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST."

Ephesians 1:5

"BUT WHEN THE FULLNESS OF TIME HAD COME,
GOD SENT FORTH HIS SON, BORN OF A WOMAN,
BORN UNDER THE LAW, TO REDEEM THOSE WHO
WERE UNDER THE LAW, SO THAT WE MIGHT
RECEIVE ADOPTION AS SONS. AND BECAUSE YOU
ARE SONS, GOD HAS SENT THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON
INTO OUR HEARTS, CRYING 'ABBA! FATHER!' SO
YOU ARE NO LONGER A SLAVE, BUT A SON, AND IF
A SON, THEN AN HEIR THROUGH GOD."

Galatians 4:4-5

“THERE IS NO SHARING IN THE BENEFITS OF CHRIST UNLESS WE SHARE IN HIS PERSON, FOR THE BENEFITS ARE NOT TO BE SEPARATED FROM THE PERSON... THE TREASURY OF BENEFITS HAS NOT BEEN DEPOSITED SOMEWHERE ON EARTH, IN HANDS, SAY, OF POPE OR PRIEST, OR IN CHURCH OR SACRAMENT. IT IS TO BE FOUND EXCLUSIVELY IN CHRIST HIMSELF. HE IS THAT TREASURY. IN HIM, THE FATHER TURNS HIS FRIENDLY, GRACIOUS FACE TO US, AND THAT IS ALL OUR SALVATION.”

Herman Bavinck

OUR COMFORT IN ADOPTION:

THE FATHER IS CONSISTENTLY KIND.



Ephesians 1:5

“ACCORDING TO THE PURPOSE (KIND INTENTION) OF HIS WILL...”

Ephesians 1:5

“FOR HE KNOWS HOW WE ARE FORMED,
HE REMEMBERS THAT WE ARE DUST.
THE LIFE OF MORTALS IS LIKE GRASS,
THEY FLOURISH LIKE A FLOWER OF THE FIELD; THE
WIND BLOWS OVER IT AND IT IS GONE,
AND ITS PLACE REMEMBERS IT NO MORE. BUT FROM
EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING
THE LORD’S LOVE IS WITH THOSE WHO FEAR HIM,
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS WITH THEIR CHILDREN”

Psalm 104:14-17

“GOD DID NOT SELECT A PEOPLE IN SOME
AUSTERE, DISPASSIONATE WAY... GOD TOOK
GREAT DELIGHT IN THINKING OF HIS FUTURE
PEOPLE AND BEING KINDLY DISPOSED TOWARD
THEM.”

Clinton Arnold

“WHEN WE APPROACH HIM IN THE INTENSITY OF
WORSHIP, WE GATHER UP ALL THE SWEETNESS
INVOLVED IN FATHERHOOD AND ALL THE
TENDERNESS WRAPPED UP IN SONSHIP; WHEN
CALAMITIES OVERCOME US AND TROUBLES COME IN
LIKE A FLOOD, WE LIFT UP OUR CRY AND STRETCH
OUT OUR ARMS TO GOD AS A COMPASSIONATE
FATHER;”

Robert Webb

“WHEN THE ANGEL OF DEATH CLIMBS IN AT THE WINDOW OF OUR HOMES AND BEARS AWAY THE OBJECTS OF OUR LOVE, WE FIND OUR DEAREST SOLACE IN REFLECTING UPON THE FATHERLY HEART OF GOD; WHEN WE LOOK ACROSS THE SWELLING FLOOD, IT IS OUR FATHER’S HOUSE ON THE LIGHT-COVERED HILLS BEYOND THE STARS WHICH CHEERS US AMID THE CRUMBLING OF THE EARTHLY TABERNACLE.”

RobertWebb

OUR RESPONSE TO
OUR ADOPTION -
PRAISE.



PRAISE FOR HIS
GLORIOUS GRACE.

Ephesians 1:6

“TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORIOUS GRACE, WITH WHICH HE HAS BLESSED US IN THE BELOVED.”

Ephesians 1:6
