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Week 2 | PRIVILEGES & BLESSINGS OF ADOPTION INTO GOD’S FAMILY

RECAP FROM WEEK 1

Five Organizing Categories

1. God’s Great Love
2. The Glory of Christian Hope
3. Work of the Spirit
4. Gospel Holiness
5. Grounds for Assurance

I. GOD’S GREAT LOVE

A. The Lord makes _____ out of _____.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. (1 John 3:1 ESV)

B. God adopts out of _____.

“He need not to have done anything but punish us we deserved. But he loved us; so he redeemed us, forgave us, took us as his sons and daughters and gave himself to us as our Father.” (Packer p.215)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. (John 3:16 ESV)

C. Our Father’s love is _____.

It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 136:26)

“Never use eye contact as an excuse to give your child a mean and angry stare; instead use your eyes to communicate in a loving and nurturing way. The goal here is to be healing. Give your child the experience he would have received if he had been with you from the beginning, when you could have cradled him in your arms and gazed at him with love.” - Karen Purvis

“Throughout our life in this world, and to all eternity beyond, he will constantly be showing us, in one way or another, more and more of his love, and thereby increasing our love to him continually. The prospect before the adopted children of God is an eternity of love.” (Packer p.216)

D. God loves his _____ with the same love with
which he loves his _____.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. - 1 John 3:1a

II. THE GLORY OF CHRISTIAN HOPE

A. Our future is secure as a _____.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

“We rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Colossians 1:27 ESV)

B. The Father’s children are _____.

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 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. (Romans 8:16-17 ESV)

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2)

“When we think of Jesus exalted in glory, in the fullness of the joy for which he endured the cross (a fact, let it be said of which Christians should think often), we should always remind ourselves that everything he has will someday be shared with us, for it is our inheritance no less than his; we are among the “many sons” whom God is bringing to Glory, and God’s promise to us and his work in us are not going to fail” (Packer, 217-218)

C. Heaven: the ultimate _____.

III. WORK OF THE SPIRIT

A. The Spirit _____ that we are God’s children

B. The Spirit causes us to genuinely cry _____.

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!” (Romans 8:15 ESV)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (Gal. 4:6)

C. The Spirit changes us that we might start acting & living as we are: _____.

May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ. (2 Thessalonians 3:5)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (2 Cor. 3:18)

IV. GOSPEL HOLINESS

A. Gospel Holiness is _____ to God’s love and affection.

B. Royal heirs are _____ differently.

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? If you are left without discipline, in

which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons...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. (Hebrews 6-8, 11 ESV)

C. The Father _____ his children’s _____.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. (Psalm 103:10-14 ESV)

V. GROUNDS FOR ASSURANCE

A. Our adopted status has _____.

B. Our Heavenly Father will not withhold assurance

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. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (Rom 8:30 ESV)

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL APPLICATION



How could/does the doctrine of adoption affect your daily life?

What has this study revealed about your overall view of God as your Father?

What is one way you have been challenged to live/think differently?

What one encouragement will you take from this course to build your faith up over time?
