

GOD'S HEART FOR ADOPTION

EPHESIANS 1:3-6

EPHESIANS 1:3-4

“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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.”



EPHESIANS 1:5-6

“In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.”

WHY DID GOD ADOPT US INTO HIS FAMILY?

1. God loves us (“in love”)
2. According to the purpose of his will
3. That we should be holy and blameless before him
4. To the praise of his glorious grace

EPHESIANS 4:1

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called...”

OUR ADOPTION MOTIVATES US TO WALK WORTHY OF OUR CALLING

1. We have a Father who loves us
2. We have full access to the Father
3. We have a full legal right to an inheritance that is coming

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4. We have a new family who loves us
5. We have a new name and a new purpose

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

Because we have been adopted into God's family, we should walk in a manner worthy of the calling in which we have been called by championing adoption, foster care, and respite care.

HOW CAN WE CHAMPION ADOPTION, FOSTER CARE, AND RESPITE CARE?

1. We can pray
2. We can give financially
3. We can start the journey
4. We can help

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