

Adoption and Justification

as they are related to the doctrine of Salvation

Prayer

Icebreaker: Give some reasons why a child might be adopted.

1. What would it mean to a parentless child to be adopted?

Before we look at adoption, let's find out what makes adoption into God's family possible.

Justification

*Justification is a change from guilt and condemnation to acquittal and acceptance. It is the judicial act of God whereby He justly declares and treats as righteous those who place their faith in Jesus Christ. Our standing before God then becomes – **Just as if we had never sinned.***

2. What do the following verses teach us about what it means to be justified?

Romans 4:2-8

Psalm 32:1-2

2 Corinthians 5:19

Justification deals with forgiveness of sins and removal from guilt and punishment

3. What do the following verses teach us about the forgiveness we experience as a result of justification?

Micah 7:18-19

Acts 13:38-39

4. What do the following verses teach us about the removal of guilt and punishment?

Romans 8:1, 33-34

Numbers 23:21

Romans 5:17-21

Justification is the imputation of Christ's righteousness to our account, and it results in complete restoration to God's favor.

The method of justification

5. What is the source of our justification? Romans 3:24

6. What are the grounds for our justification? Romans 5:9, Hebrews 9:22, & Colossians 2:14

7. What is the one stipulation required for justification? Galatians 2:16, Romans 3:26 & 5:1

Adoption

8. What does God call us in Galatians 3:26?

Even though you may be a brand new Christian, recently born again through regeneration into the family of God, yet because of your relationship to Jesus, God has adopted you into His family with all the rights and privileges of adult sons.

In Roman culture it was customary to have slaves or household guardians over their children until the children would come of age. When a Roman father considered his boy mature enough to accept the responsibilities of adulthood he would hold an adoption ceremony called the *toga virilis*. Family and friends were invited to witness this celebration as the *toga*, a special robe, was brought out and placed on his son, and the father's signet ring was placed on the young man's finger giving him the rights of a full grown son to transact business in the family name.

Because of justification and our identification with Jesus we are now clothed with the Toga, the robe of Christ's righteousness, and we can now come to the Father in prayer in Jesus name. Jesus said anything that you shall ask the Father in my name He will give it to you.

9. Because we are adopted into God's family what new relationship do we have to God and His Son Jesus Christ? Galatians 4:4-7 & Romans 8:15-17

Think about this week:

The blessings of Adoption

- My Father loves and cares for me
 - I share the family name ~ Christian
 - We share the family likeness
 - The Father cares enough to discipline me when I need it
 - The Father comforts me when I'm hurting or in trouble
 - I have an inheritance that is out of this world
- Luke 12:27-32, John 17:23
1 John 3:1, Ephesians 3:14-15
1 John 3:2, Romans 8:29
Hebrews 12:5-11
2 Corinthians 1:4
1 Peter 1:3-5