

“You would almost think God loved us more than he loved his own Son” – Sinclair Ferguson

Shorter Catechism Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

- Born as slaves, rescued, but not simply set free to fend for ourselves – Adopted into God’s family
- Adoption is the great forgotten truth of Christianity

1. The Cost of Adoption

- The Father already had a Son, yet went to great expense to adopt us
- The Son left home so that rebels could become sons go home
- The sinless Son became sin so that sinners could become sons
- The Father punished his Son so that we could be unpunished sons

2. Adoption brings you in the heart of God’s family

- Adoption is the greatest privilege of the Christian

a) You have the Father’s love – John 16:27; 17:23

- A Gracious Love – we could just have been made like the angels
- A Long Love – Eph 1:3-5
- A Deep Love – John 17:23
- An Equal Love – 2 Sam 9:11
- A Listening Love – Matt 6L18; 25-32
- A Secure Love – Rom 8:17
- A Forgiving Love – Luke 15:22

b) You have a Brother’s love – John 15:9

- A Dying Love – Loved you enough to die for you
- A Praying Love – Loves you enough to pray for you
- A Reigning Love – Loves you enough to rule all things for the sake of his people

c) You have the Holy Spirit’s love

- A Reassuring Love – Rom 8:16
- A Transforming Love – Rom 8:29

3. Grasping Adoption transforms how you live

- “If this is not the thought that controls your whole outlook on life it means you don’t understand Christianity very well at all.” JI Packer
- It transforms your view of God – Storekeeper/Master/Father?



Notices

- Sab Praise service in Bready 7pm
- Tues Bible Study @ _____ 8pm
- June 9-11 The Synod of the church meets in Faughan

Denomination News

Cooks for Senior Camp

R.P. Senior Camp require at least three cooks for this summer. The camp begins on Sat 5th July and finishes on Sat 12th July. If you are available and willing to come along and help as a cook, either for the whole week or for part of it, please contact Robert or Lynn Robb on 048 7772 2136.

Sermon continued

- It transforms your view of life – Do you trust your Father?
- It transforms your view of yourself – Are you exalted & humbled by this?
- It transforms your view of obedience – Do I hate the things which displease my Father?
- It transforms your view of church & family – Blood-ties or Christ-ties?
- It transforms your view of worship – Are you delighted at being so loved?
- It transforms your view of loss – Do you remember your inheritance?

Next Sabbath sermon topic: Election - Ephesians 1, Romans 9

Opening Psalm: 77:9-16

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