

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ADOPTION

An essential part of God's character

- “Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation” (Psalm 68:5).
- “You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child” (Exod. 22:22).
- “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world” (James 1:27).

An essential part of the Gospel

- Through Christ, it is possible for us to become God's children.
 1. As being “born again”
(John 1:12-13; 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:3).
 2. As being “adopted”
(Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:4-7).

The Significance of Adoption

- 1. Adoption is costly.**
- 2. Adoption creates a new legal status.**
- 3. Adoption creates a new familial spirit.**
- 4. Adoption overcomes cultural divides.**
- 5. Adoption glorifies God.**

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me...”

- Matthew 25:35–36

“For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints”