

1. Our adoption as sons is a spiritual blessing with which we have been blessed in Christ

→ for these blessings blessed be God

- 2128 εὐλογητός *eulogetos*

= to be well spoken of, praised, adored

= to bestow favor, to act kindly toward

2. our adoption as sons was predestined at our choosing before the foundation of the world

a) to choose = 1586 ἐκλέγομαι *eklegomai*

= to pick out, to make a choice

→ to be holy and blameless before God

= present tense – our continuous state

i) holy = 40 ἅγιος *hagios*

= consecrated, dedicated to God

= morally pure, upright, virtuous

ii) blameless = 299 ἄμωμος *amomos*

= without defect, of highest quality

= used of sacrificial animals perfect, fit for offering to the Lord

= used of Jesus the perfect Lamb

b) to predestine = 4309 προορίζω *proorizo*

= to determine beforehand, to foreordain

= to decide a destiny

→ adoption as sons of God

3. Our adoption as sons is an act of God's grace and love through Jesus Christ

- He adopted us to Himself simply and only because it pleased Him to do so

4. Jesus redeemed those under the Law so that we would receive the adoption as sons

- redeem = 1805 ἐξαγοράζω *exagorazo*

= to buy, to ransom, to pay a price

→ the PAST aspect of adoption

5. at the moment of our salvation we are both born of the Spirit and also "placed as sons"

6. when faith came and we became sons:

a) we also became heirs

- we are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ

- since in Christ we are Abraham's descendants, we are heirs according to the promise made to Abraham

b) we were no longer slaves

= slaves to sin (Gal 3:22; Jn 8:34; Rom 6:6)

- slavery to sin results in being continually subject to fear of

- condemnation

- a terrifying judgment

- death (Heb 2:14-15. 10:26-27, 30-31)

- there is no longer any reason to fear these things since we are sons

c) for freedom the Son has set us free

- we are free to do, not as we please, but in all respects what pleases Him

(Gal 5:1; John 8:36; Gal 5:17; Col 1:10)

7. as sons the Spirit in our hearts cries "Abba! Father!"

- by Him we cry out "Abba! Father!"

2896 κράζω *krazo*

= a loud cry expressing deep emotion

- He testifies to us that we are children of God

8. as sons and co-heirs with Christ, we are also suffering with Him

4841 συμπάσχω *sumpascho*

= to endure pain, troubles, persecutions together

9. as adopted sons we have the Spirit, the first fruits or the pledge of more to come

- He is our continual possession

10. we are waiting eagerly with perseverance and groaning for what we do not yet see

→ the PRESENT aspect of adoption

11. we are looking forward to the "completion" of our salvation

a) the redemption of our body

b) our glorification with Christ

c) the receiving of our inheritance reserved in heaven for us

(1 Pet 1:4)

→ the FUTURE aspect of adoption

12. our adoption as sons is **TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE**