

Series: Systematic Theology Part 3  
Title: Adoption and Sanctification  
Purpose: To examine the benefits of being a member of God's family and how we change as a result of being part of the family  
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- I. Scriptural evidence for adoption
  - A. Adoption is an act of God whereby He makes us members of His family.
  - B. John 1:12 - gave right to become sons of God
  - C. Different than O.T. - John 8:41-44 - love Jesus because we are His children
  - D. Galatians 4:4-7 - no longer a slave but a son
  
- II. Adoption follows conversion and is an outcome of saving faith
  - A. Not part of being born again; adoption is always subsequent to birth
  - B. Galatians 3:23-26 - Children of God through faith
  
- III. Adoption is distinct from justification
  - A. Privilege that is distinct from other layers of salvation
  - B. In regeneration we are made spiritually alive
  - C. We can be justified without being adopted
  - D. Adoption deals with our relationship; God goes above and beyond to make us His children
  - E. 1 John 3:1 - He loves us so much He adopts us as His children
  
- IV. The privileges of adoption
  - A. Privilege in the way God relates to us
  - B. Privilege in the way we relate as brothers and sisters in God's family
  
- I. Differences between justification and sanctification
- II. Three stages of sanctification
  - A. Sanctification has a definite beginning at regeneration
  - B. Sanctification increases throughout life
  - C. Sanctification is completed at death or when Christ returns
- III. God and man cooperate in sanctification
- IV. Sanctification affects the whole person
- V. Motives for obedience to God in the Christian life
- VI. The beauty and joy of sanctification
  - A. Galatians 5:22-23 - no law against these
  - B. Romans 6:22 - lead to holiness and eternal life
  - C. Romans 14:17 - living a life of goodness and peace and joy
  - D. 1 John 3:3 - keep themselves pure

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