

Deane Parish Church 10th July 2016

Big Bible Words...Chosen and Adopted

Galatians 4:1-8

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive **adoption** to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your **adoption** to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Ephesians 1:3-6

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely give us in the One he loves.

A person's adoption into God's family....

1. is costly to God therefore free to that person;
2. changes their legal status;
3. is blessed by the work of the Spirit in their hearts;
4. is marked by a moral transformation through the Spirit;
5. brings a wonderful inheritance;
6. is planned;
7. enables that person to know God as their loving heavenly Father;
8. gives that person a new identity and new dignity;
9. makes that person a member of a new family;
10. will bring for that person testing times in this world but they are assured of a glorious future