

The Doctrine of Adoption

Changed Relationships Through Adoption

God's adopted children learn that the only place in the universe where true security can be found is in the household of the Heavenly Father.
-- John Cotton

1. A changed relationship with God
 - a. Bold reverence
 - b. Humble confidence
 - c. Submissive freedom
 - d. Joyful discipline
2. A changed relationship with Jesus
 - a. Our elder brother
 - b. Our prophet, priest and king
3. A changed relationship with sin and satan (Rom 7:4-6)
 - a. No longer under its dominion
4. A changed relationship with other believers
 - a. We are family,
 - b. The imperative of love

1Jo 3:10 *By this it is evident who are the children of God...whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.*

- c. Family care, commitment, conflict
- d. Patient with the little ones
- e. The importance of belonging to a local church family

Gal 6:10 *So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

5. A changed relationship with the world