

# The Doctrine of Adoption

## *The Prodigal Son: a Case Study on Adoption*

Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the *reach* of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the *need* of God's grace.

--Jerry Bridges

1. The story of Son #1
  - a. His background
  - b. His rebellion
  - c. His conversion – v.17
2. The story of son #2
  - a. His background
  - b. His rebellion
  - c. His conversion?

*Indentured Servants are those who live in the father's household and are under the care of the father, but whose relationship with the father is defined and mediated by their performance – by their works.*

3. The father's response
  - a. The father's response to Son 1
  - b. The father's response to Son 2
4. The two great temptations
  - a. "I am not worthy to be God's son. Perhaps I can exist as one of his hired servants."
  - b. "Look these many years I have served you. Where is my pay?"

*Your standing as adopted children is the most biblical, the most accurate, and the most useful picture of your identity in Christ and thus most needful as you pursue grace, growth, and eternal glory.*