

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

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Q 74. What is adoption?

A Adoption is an act of the free grace of God,¹ in and for his only Son Jesus Christ,² whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children,³ have his name put upon them,⁴ the Spirit of his Son given to them,⁵ are under his fatherly care and dispensations,⁶ admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow heirs with Christ in glory.⁷

1. 1 John 3:1. 2. Eph. 1:5; Gal. 4:4–5. 3. John 1:12; Rom. 8:15–16. 4. Num. 6:24–27; Amos 9:12; 2 Cor. 6:18; Rev. 3:12. 5. Gal. 4:6. 6. Ps. 103:13; Prov. 14:26; Matt. 6:32; Heb. 12:5–7, 11. 7. Heb. 6:12; Rom. 8:17; 1 Pet. 1:3–4.

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A Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit¹ applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them,² renewed in their whole man after the image of God,³ having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts,⁴ and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened,⁵ as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life.⁶

1. Ezek. 36:27; Phil. 2:13; 2 Thess. 2:13; Eph. 1:4; 1 Cor. 6:11. 2. Rom. 6:4–6; Col. 3:1–3; Phil. 3:10. 3. 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 4:23–24; 1 Thess. 5:23. 4. Acts 11:18; 1 John 3:9. 5. Jude 20; Heb. 6:11–12; Eph. 3:16–19; Col. 1:10–11. 6. Ezek. 36:25–27; Rom. 6:4, 6, 12–14; 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Pet. 2:24; Gal. 5:24.

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