



RESOLVED SERIES

Sermon Title: "Resolved – Adopted"

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Text: 1 John 3:1-3

Main Point

Resolved: To grow in our practical understanding of the amazing privilege to be called the children of God.

Points

- * Adoption is an amazing privilege.
- * Adoption is very costly.
- * Adoption calls us to imitate the mercy of God.

Quotes

Adoption is an act of God whereby he makes us members of His family – Wayne Grudem

Properly understood, adoption is one of the most precious, heartwarming and practical of all our beliefs – Ian Duguid

“Adoption is the highest blessing of the gospel because of the rich relationship with God that it involves.” - J.I. Packer

Application

1. Re-read 1 John 3: 1-3
2. As you reflect on this passage, why does John want his readers to 'see' and understand about the love of God for them? How would understanding their identity as sons or daughters of God have an immediate impact on their living a righteous life, which is a chief concern of John in this letter?
3. Theologian Wayne Grudem defines adoption as '*an act of God whereby he makes us members of His family*' and these privileges are conferred on us at our conversion. Privileges like:

- * receiving God as our Father
- * resting in knowledge that He cares for us
- * confidence in His promise to provide
- * growing joy in receiving the Father's mercy (Luke 6:36)

Which of these benefits is most meaningful to you? Why?

Are there other benefits that you would mention?

How is understanding these benefits strengthening your relationship with Him?

4. Many in Jesus' day claimed God as their Father but rejected Christ as their Savior? Read John 8:42-44 to see His response. Where do we see that same confusion among people today?
5. We are called the children of God because God gave Christ to redeem us.

Are you aware of how costly your adoption was? (read 1 John 4:10)

How does remembering the cost cause you to rejoice more in the Father's love?

6. We are called to imitate the love and mercy of God we have received (Eph. 5.1).

How does receiving the mercy of God in adoption warm your heart to sacrificially model his mercy? (an act of kindness, being merciful to our spouse, friend, co-worker)

In adoption: how can I pray for and serve those who desire to adopt?

In supporting mercy ministries locally and internationally like Covenant Mercies, World Vision, Compassion International, others.

In personal evangelism: Who can I share the good news of Christ with this week?