



God Loves: the gift of adoption



Review: We have heard how God's love expresses itself in the gifts of eternal life, forgiveness and relationship. In this study, we focus on what J I Packer calls God's greatest gift – that of our adoption into God's family. He also calls it the climax of the bible – the point at which our status with God becomes what he had always intended.



Discuss:

- Read Galatians 3:26-29. What do we conclude about to whom God offers his gift of adoption? How do we receive the gift?
- Reflect on what it means to be adopted to God. What benefits are conferred by the gift? How does it change our status with God? (Romans 8:14-17 will help)
- See 1 John 3:1 - what does the gift of adoption tell us about our Father?
- How does the fact of adoption of all believers into God's family as his children make you feel? Is it a gift you feel you have received and fully value?



Pray:

Our Father

Thank you that it is your great pleasure and will that we are your adopted sons and daughters through Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for our sakes

Thank you that we can look on your greatest gift and experience the security, the confidence, the relationship with you that transforms our lives from being lost to being part of you and your family

Thank you that we have your Spirit by us and in us, reminding us of this highest privilege, and growing us closer together and closer to you

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