

ADOPTED INTO GOD'S FAMILY

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CSB **Psalm 27:10** Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD cares for me

NAS **Psalm 27:10** For my father and my mother have forsaken me, But the LORD will take me up.

**Ephesians 2:19** ἼΑρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστέ ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολίται τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκέλοι τοῦ θεοῦ

**Eph 2:19** So then you are no longer <sup>d</sup>strangers and aliens,<sup>d</sup> but you are <sup>e</sup>fellow citizens with the saints and <sup>f</sup>members of the household of God

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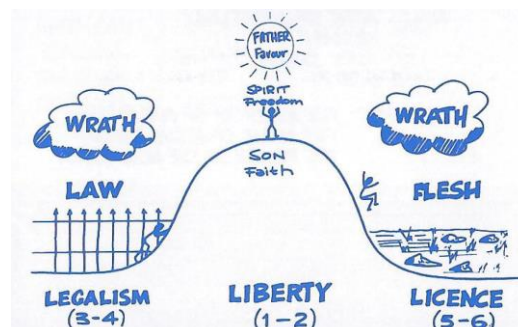
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0. INTRODUCTION

0.1. ENJOYING SALVATION?

- dangers: (1) legalism; (2) licence
- [PAWSON] *Galatians*



- in the world → the problem of *rejection* ... physical; psychological; spiritual (Job; Christ...)
- [John Owen] “Unless men see a **beauty and delight** in the worship of God, they will not do it willingly.”

## 0.2. PSALM 27

- outline [Ross]
- I. Because the LORD has given him the **victory in the past**, David affirms his confidence in the LORD in spite of the host of enemies and then expresses his desire to find safety and celebration in the house of the LORD (1—6).
- II. Because he is confident of the LORD’s blessings, David prays for help and guidance in his **time of need** as he is encouraged to wait for the LORD (7—14).

## 0.3. FAMILY IMAGERY

- Old Testament → Yahweh – the husband of Israel
- New Testament → salvation – adoption into God’s family

## 0.4. ADOPTED BY GRACE

- **The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob** ⇒ election by grace & character of faith (&Lot; &Ishmael; &Esau)
- the Prodigal...  
[MANTON *Ps 119*] It is true many may begin with God in their troubles, and their necessities drive them to the throne of grace; and Christ had never heard of many, if **fevers** and **palsies**, and **possessions** and **blindness**, **deafness** and **dumbness**, had not brought them unto him, thanks to the disease. But if a course of godliness begins upon these occasions, and **continues afterwards**, God will accept it; he is willing to receive us **upon any terms**.
- Rom 8:15, (ἐλάβετε πνεῦμα **υἰοθεσίας**, ἐν ᾧ κράζομεν, Ἄββα, ὁ πατήρ)
- Rom 8:23; (τὴν ἀπαρχὴν τοῦ πνεύματος ἔχοντες, ἡμεῖς καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐν ἑαυτοῖς στενάζομεν **υἰοθεσίαν** ἀπεκδεχόμενοι, τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν τοῦ σώματος ἡμῶν.)
- Rom 9:4; (εἰσιν Ἰσραηλιταί, ᾧν ἡ **υἰοθεσία** καὶ ἡ δόξα καὶ αἱ διαθήκαι καὶ ἡ νομοθεσία καὶ ἡ λατρεία καὶ αἱ ἐπαγγελίαι)
- Gal 4:5; (ἵνα τοὺς ὑπὸ νόμον ἐξαγοράσῃ, ἵνα τὴν **υἰοθεσίαν** ἀπολάβωμεν)
- Eph 1:5 (προορίσας ἡμᾶς εἰς **υἰοθεσίαν** διὰ Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ εἰς αὐτόν, κατὰ τὴν εὐδοκίαν τοῦ θελήματος αὐτοῦ)

## 1. PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

- **Eph 1:5** He **predestined us** to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will
- not “religious” attitude ↔ but intimate father-son relationship
- the Holy Spirit → **Romans 5:5** ...and **hope** does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us...

### 1.1. THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER

psychology → impossible to know God as a father if not having had a good biological father?

- Romans 8:15 → “Abba”
- Galatians 4:6 → “Abba”
- → glory (the feast for the prodigal)

## 1.2. THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SON AND HIS BODY

- **Mt 11:28-30** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.<sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
- **Matthew 12:46-50** While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him.<sup>47</sup> [Someone told Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to You."] <sup>48</sup> But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup> And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."
- → safety

## 2. SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING

- Gal 4 → from slave to master...

### 2.1. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

- **John 16:13-14** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.<sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
- intuitive recognition of (crucial) truths; avoiding deception; not fearing conspiracy theories; defeating philosophical pessimism...

### 2.2. THE MIND OF CHRIST

- **Acts 4:13** Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.
- **1Jn 5:20** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding (δέδωκεν ἡμῖν διάνοιαν), so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.
- **1Cor 2:16** "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. (νοῦν χριστοῦ ἔχομεν)

### 2.3. THE ANOINTING

- **1Cor 2:12** Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.
- **1Jn 2:27** But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything- and is true and is no lie, just as it has taught you- abide in him.
- → Quakers: the inner light? ⇒ (1) depreciation of Scripture **1Tim 4:13**; (2) rejection of teachers **Heb 5:12**
- → recognizing the voice of the Lord in teachings

### 2.4. THE NEW HEART

- **Ezekiel 36:26-27** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.<sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

## 3. SPIRITUAL POWERS

- the Prodigal → the ring of authority...

- **Gal 4:4-7** But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.
- **1 John 3:9** No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God

### 3.1. SONSHIP

- the "mystical union" with Christ
- **John 1:12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (Ὅσοι δὲ ἔλαβον αὐτόν, ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς ἐξουσίαν τέκνα θεοῦ γενέσθαι, τοῖς πιστεύουσιν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ)

### 3.2. THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

- **Eph 4:8** Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.
- ⇒ gifts are "weapons" in the spiritual war...

## 4. TO REMEMBER

- Let us stop "sitting on the fence". Let us learn to enjoy adoption into God's family.
- The Holy Spirit has been given to us that we should understand the gifts of God.
- The Gifts (1) love relationship with the Father, (2) insight into the truth of God, (3) powers of victory in the spiritual battle