

Sermon Title: **“ADOPTED”**

Ephesians 1:3-14

- God predestined us to Adoption means we’re sons & daughters solely based on God (it’s NOT because of us in ANY way!)
 - Adoption really WASN’T a Jewish practice
 - What Paul was referring to was the Roman concept of Adoption
 - Roman men were forced to pass ALL their wealth onto their son(s)
 - Once approved the Adopted son would have ALL his debts cancelled & would receive a new name
 - Once you Adopted someone it was completely irreversible, you could NOT undo an Adoption it was a forever commitment!
 - One giant difference – Roman Adoptions were based upon the worthiness of the Adopted recipient (NOT how God Adopts us)
 - God Adopts people simply because He chooses to
1. Adoptions AREN’T Cheap!
- Adoptions require:
 - A huge Financial Investment
 - A huge Time Investment
 - A huge Emotional Investment
 - In order for us to be Adopted, Jesus suffered once for ALL sins (a swap occurred – the Just for the Unjust)
2. Adoptions Rescue From Awful Realities
- From the very beginning we were wicked & vile
 - The very wrath of God loomed over us
 - God has rescued us from an unthinkable awful reality because of His great love, which He lavished upon us
3. Adoption ISN’T Second Best
- Our Adoption was God’s original plan!
 - God knew full-well that we were filthy rotten sinners, yet God chose to rescue us, save us, & Adopt us
 - As Adopted children, we’re NOT an after thought or an alternative option (God chose us in love to be Adopted)