

Bible/College Class Notes - Lesson 183 God's Purpose

God's Adoption, and Sanctification - to fit us for this life, and for Eternal Heaven

This week we remind ourselves of God's Kindness in Adopting & Sanctifying His People

**Ye have received the Spirit of adoption,
whereby we cry, Abba, Father. Romans 8v15.**

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Ephesians 1v1-14 (Elect from eternity, Adopted)	
Monday	Galatians 3v28-29 & 4v1-7 (Heirs of God in Christ)	
Tuesday	Romans 8v14-27 (Adopted – "Abba, Father")	
Wednesday	2 Timothy 2v19-26 (The Lord knows His People)	
Thursday	Luke 15v11-24 (The Prodigal Son - Forgiven)	
Friday	Proverbs 3v1-26 (Have complete trust in the Lord)	
Saturday	Proverbs 4 (Pray for wisdom and understanding)	

Important Lesson for us today: As '*children of Adam*' we are **not naturally** in God's Family. God has predestinated (chosen) the believer in eternity past (**Ephesians 1v4,5**); not for any good He saw in them, but out of His pure love and mercy. Those He has predestinated He gives faith to repent and believe, having **Adopted** them into His family through His wonderful **Electing Love**. Christ died to save His chosen ones and, by doing so, makes them immediately perfect (**Justified** – just as if they had never sinned), fitted to be called His sons and daughters, clothing them in His righteousness. He also causes believers to grow, over time, in **Sanctification** (set apart from the world, to become more like The Lord Jesus Christ). **Justification is immediate, Sanctification is progressive.**

Hymn 104 – Let us put our complete trust in our Redeemer and Friend, Jesus Christ.

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| 1. O worship the King,
All-glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and His love:
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour,
And girded with praise. | 4. Frail children of dust,
And feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
Nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender,
How firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend! |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

How God Fits Us For Heaven – He Adopts & Sanctifies Us.

God's Wonderful and Gracious Plan to Make Us Holy.

- **The Family – The Wonderful Design of God for our Blessing.**
 - **Our Earthly Family** – Married parents, providing a loving and stable home for our care, protection and wellbeing on earth.
 - **God's Special Family** into which God **Adopts** us by His **Predestining** and **Electing Love**. He chose us in Eternity past. **Ephesians 1v4-6**.
 - **Restoring** the position **Adam lost** for us when he sinned against God. Restored by the quickening power of the Holy Spirit – The New Birth.
- **Adoption by God - the Privileges that a Father gives His Child.**
Namely: -
 - **Decision Maker** – Lovingly cared for by a Sovereign, Wise, Responsible Counsellor and Guide. His will is perfect, and always in our best interest.
 - **Tower of Strength** – Protection from both physical, and spiritual enemies, and the trouble we face in this sinful world.
Adoption is achieved by God the Father having not spared His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, from death on the cross. **Romans 8v32**.
 - **Provides for Every Need** – Both physical (e.g. a home, food, clothes, safety, security, love), and spiritual (e.g. eternal safety, and forgiveness, a family on earth - the Church, and Heaven as our eternal home).
 - **Hands Down His Skills** – He teaches us through the Bible how we should live and gives us the help of the Holy Spirit to live to His Glory.
 - **Trains and Improves Us** – Influences our characters, gives discernment and principles through **Sanctification**. Christ being our example.
 - **Provides for Our Future** – Passing on an eternal, and incorruptible inheritance, **1 Peter 1v4**; making us Heirs of God, Joint Heirs with Christ. **Romans 8v17**. Adopted into His Family.

We have learnt: -

We are Fallen and Lost in sin, Called by God to Repent and Believe, Justified by Christ's death on the Cross, and now Adopted into God's family, to grow like the Lord Jesus Christ in Sanctification. How wonderfully merciful our God is!

The Apostle Paul wrote, "*According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved.*"

Ephesians 1v4-6.