

The Privilege of Adoption

Children of royalty, crippled by the fall, permanently marred by sin; Living parenthetical lives in the chronicles of earth, only to be remembered by the king; Driven not by our beauty but by his promise, he calls us to Himself and invites us to take a permanent place at his table. Though we often limp more than we walk, we take our place next to the other sinners-made-saints and we share in God's glory.

May I share a partial list of what awaits you at his table?

- You are beyond condemnation (Romans 8:1).
- You are delivered from the law (Romans 7:6).
- You are near God (Ephesians 2:13).
- You are delivered from the power of evil (Colossians 1:13).
- You are a member of his kingdom (Colossians 1:13).
- You are justified (Romans 5:1).
- You are perfect (Hebrews 10:14).
- You have been adopted (Romans 8:15).
- You have access to God at any moment (Ephesians 2:18).
- You are a part of his priesthood (1 Peter 2:5).
- You will never be abandoned (Hebrews 13:5).
- You have an imperishable inheritance (1 Peter 1:4).
- You are a partner with Christ in life (Colossians 3:4) and privilege (Ephesians 2:6), suffering (2 Timothy 2:12), and service (1 Corinthians 1:9).
- You are a member of his body (1 Corinthians 12:13),
- You are a branch in the vine (John 15:5),
- You are a stone in the building (Ephesians 2:19-22),
- You are a bride for the groom (Ephesians 5:25-27),
- You are a priest in the new generation (1 Peter 2:9),
- You are a dwelling place of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19).

John 10:29 – *“My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.”*

Hebrews 13:5 – *“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’”*

1 Samuel 12:22 – *“For the sake of his great name the Lord will not reject his people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own.”*

Psalms 37:28 – *“For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off....”*

1 John 5:12-13 – *“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”*