

Theology Simply Explained — WSC34 “When Electing Love Becomes Adopting Action”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 34—especially explaining **what happens when a sinner is adopted through faith in Christ.**

Q34. What is adoption? ***Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of, the sons of God.***

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Now, our shorter catechism lesson this week is number 34. What is adoption? And the answer is adoption, is an act of God's free Grace.

Whereby we are received into the number. And have a right to all the Privileges of The sons of God. Now, the amazing thing about adoption. Is that God already has a son? He doesn't adopt Sons because he needs Sons. He has a son, the only begotten son. The second person of the godhead who is eternally begotten of the And so, when God decides to adopt for himself Sons, Whom he is going to love and bless.

With the love that he has for the only begotten. And with the blessing that belongs to the only begotten, This is an astonishing generosity. And mercy, it is a display of the infinite Eternal and unchangeable goodness of our God, that not only does he have this Eternal pleasure within himself.

To beget, his son. And to love his son. And for the sun to be begotten of the father and to love the father, But God creates creatures. Who are going to need Redemption. Because of their own sinfulness of which God is not the author. But God ordains that it should occur.

So that he may redeem Us by Union with his son. And redeem us into adoption in his son. So that we may be the children of the So that we may be United to the Sun and Joint heirs with him. Conformed to His Image and brought into his inheritance.

So that we may be indwelt by the spirit. Who joins us to the Sun by giving us life and Faith by that life which faith is the instrument through which we come to be United to the son. And The Same Spirit who has called for us, or called unto us, the spirit of adoption.

Because he's the one who teaches us also to know the father as our Abba. And without losing any reverence or worship? For God. That we would have intimacy and come near to him in the Lord Jesus. And be so close to him. That we would even call him Abba or Baba or Dada or Papa, depending upon your language.

And so, Adoption is this act of God's free Grace? This carrying out in time in the adopting love of God. Of this eternal electing love of God that was in the Sun. So the father elects A people in his beloved in the son. And this eternal love in which he has elected them becomes in time, adopting love, when he brings us into Christ by faith.

And indwells us. By his holy. And so adoption is an act of God's free Grace where we are received into the number of the sons of God. And that statement is amazing. That there should even be a number of the sons of God.

There is a number of the Son of God, the monogenase the Only begotten, son. But that God has decided them. To add a specific number. Of those whom he is adopting in the Sun. Which number cannot be increased or decreased. Because it is a very specific adoption out of a very specific love.

So, we are received into that number, and then We have a right not to sum of the Privileges, but to all of the Privileges of the Son of God, Of the sons of God that in the only begotten son and unit with him. We can call the father, father.

And we may be indwelt by the spirit. And we, Be conformed to the image of his son. Thereby demonstrating the family resemblance. By being children of the Living God, even in such things. Uh, as loving our enemies. And having been, Adopted by the father and United to the son and conformed to the son, displaying the character of the Father, by the indwelling of the spirit, who Bears his fruit in us to display our sonship.

We will. Jointly inherit with the. Which means we will be jointly glorified with the And we will fully enjoy. God and glorify him. Forever. In this life. We'll have peace of conscience and joy in the Holy Ghost. And righteous character. And forever and ever. We will be conformed to the sun as the children of the father and dwelt.

By the spirit. So, what is adoption? Adoption is an act. That means. Once for all, You don't get gradually adopted by God. As soon as you have been United to Christ, In the act of uniting you to Christ through faith. God adopts, you And if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, if you're United, Jesus, you are already as adopted.

As you will be forever in glory. So it's not a work like sanctification is a work. It's an act like justification is an act. What is adoption? Adoption is an act of God's free Grace. Whereby we are received into the number. Then have a right to all the Privileges.

Of the sons of God.