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EPHESIANS

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STUDY 3 ADOPTIONS AS SONS

Ephesians 1:5-8

GRACE OF GOD IN CHRIST

EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

1. Election

2. Predestination

3. Adoption

4. Redemption

5. Knowledge of His grand
plan

6. Inheritance

7. Sealing with Holy Spirit

ORDER OF SALVATION

Election

Gospel Call

Born again

Conversion
by faith

Justification

Adoption

Instant

Sanctification

Perseverance

Death

Life long

Glorification

Regeneration
Born again

Spiritually alive
Relate with God
Prayer, Worship, Hear His Word



Faith in Christ -Conversion

Justification

Adoption



John 1:12-13 (ESV) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

JUSTIFIED



THE POINT OF OUR PREDESTINATION

Ephesians 1:5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.



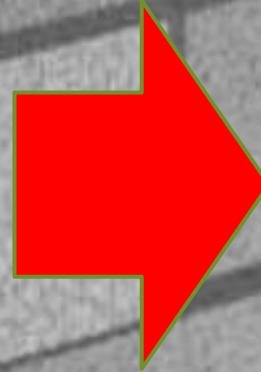
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(KNOWING GOD)

If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well

Christian faith

Father-son
relationship



Response

Worship

Life style

Joy

Ambition

THE MEANING OF SONSHIP






Our 21st Century understanding of sonship

OT sonship not established by paternity

KJV

John 3: 16 For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not
perish, but have everlasting life.



Born

Generated

Time concept

GREEK TEXT—NOTHING TO DO WITH TIME

John 3: 16 For God so loved the world,
that he gave his “monogenes” Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not
perish, but have everlasting life.

One of a kind

Unique..relationally

ONLY JOHN USES "MONOGENES"

- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,
- John 1:18 (ESV) 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.
- John 3:18 (ESV) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
- 1 John 4:9 (ESV) 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

JOHN CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD JESUS IS GOD

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.

Monogenes

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UNIQUE-REVELATORY NATURE

Heb 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Sonship - reflection of nature-character



FAMILY IDENTITY
VOCATION

SONSHIP DEFINES YOU AS A PERSON

1. Family name,
2. Identity,
3. Vocation,
4. Inheritance

Matthew 13:55 (ESV) Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

Scripture	Literal	KJV	NIV
	Reflection of character or nature		
Neh 12:28	Sons of the singers	Sons of the singers	Muscians
Ps. 89:22	Son of malice	Son of wickedness	The wicked
Job 5:7	Sons of a flame	Sparks	Sparks
2 Sam 17:10	Sons of might	A mighty man	A fighter
Mark 3:17	Sons of Thunder	Sons of Thunder	Sons of Thunder

DESCRIPTION OF THEIR BEHAVIOUR

1 Sam 2: 12 Now the sons of Eli were sons
of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

Genetic sons

Useless or worthless

Hebrew - Beli- without.. Yaal - of
value

It is not individual identity but
corporate

JUST AS GOD IS ULTIMATE PEACEMAKER

Matthew 5:9 (ESV) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.



God is the supreme peacemaker and, insofar as we are making peace, we show ourselves to belong to God's family.”

SONSHIP IS REFLECTED IN CONSISTENCY OF BEHAVIOR NOT GENETICS

Revelation 21:6–7 (ESV) 6 And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

PURPOSE HOLY AND BLAMELESS IN LOVE

Ephesians 1:4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him in love

Challenge and Privilege



Individualism

Personal ambition

Personal independence

Personal happiness

Personal autonomy

Personal identity



MEETING MY NEEDS

PRIVILEGES OF SONSHIP

1) Access

2) Inheritance

3) Security

4) His Presence (Spirit)

5) His guidance (Discipline)

6) Family

SPECIAL LOVE

1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.



Trinity

Intra-Trinitarian

God's Love



All peoples



Church


OTHER RELIGIOUS - SENSE OF DISTANCE







Access



Matthew 6:9–10 Our Father
in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

...

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:5-15



Dear Father

Abba

Luke 11:5-8 (ESV) And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’ ; 7 and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed.

I cannot get up and give you anything? I tell
you, though he will not get up and give him anything
because he is his friend, yet because of his
impudence he will rise and give him whatever he
needs.



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WALKING IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP RIGHTEOUSNESS

Psalms 66:18–19 (ESV) If I had cherished
iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

19 But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Matthew 6:11–13 (ESV) 11 Give us this
day our daily bread,

12 and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

1 John 1:8–9 (ESV) 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Ephesians 1:11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will

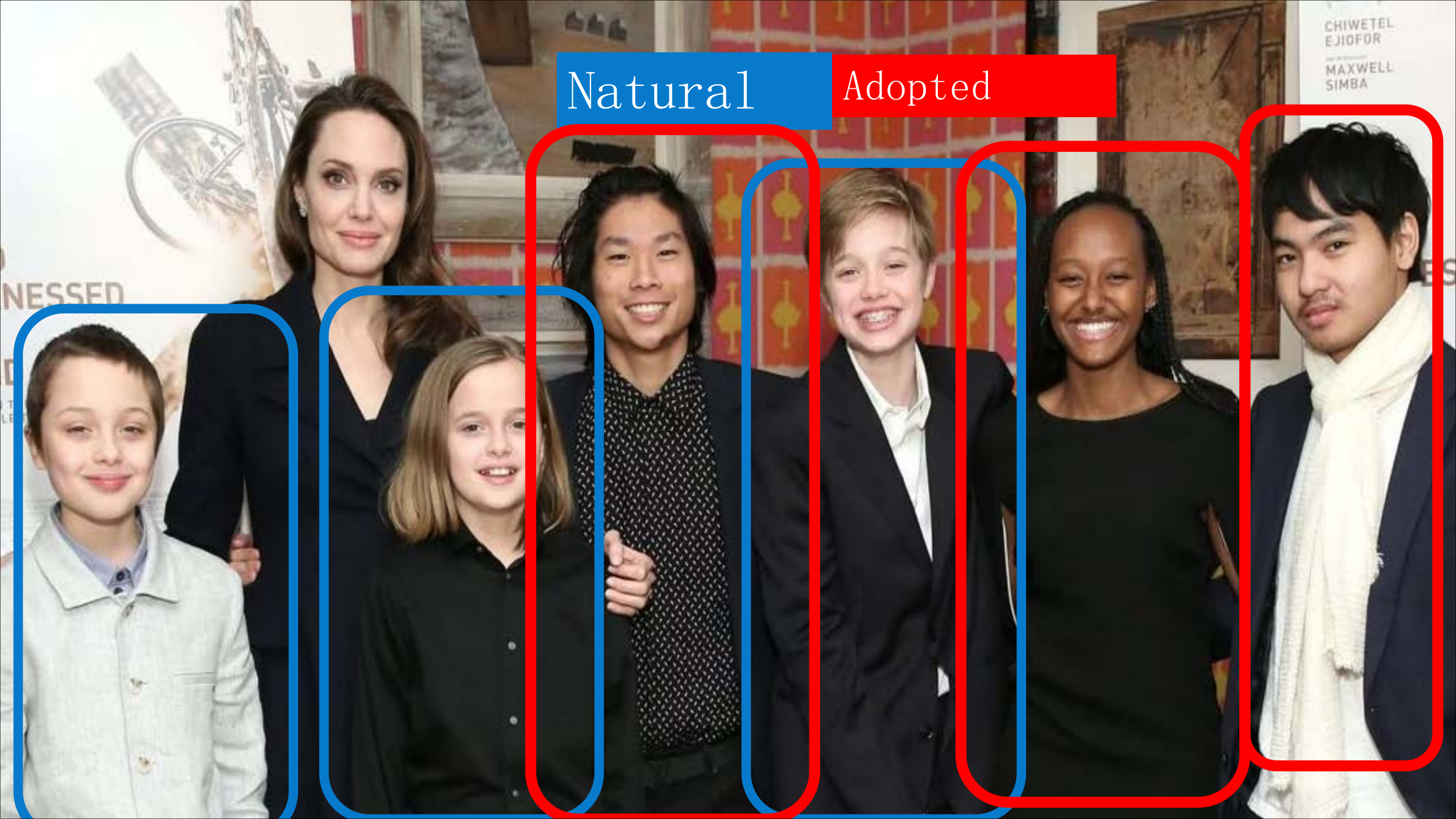


CHINESE CULTURE

Now even
daughters called
“sons”

Natural

Adopted





NO JEWISH ADOPTION LAWS

Male relative to sleep with widow



ROMAN ADOPTION

Adoption was to preserve the family as worshipping unit
Unilateral Legal act by Father
Expensive and costly by Father

ADOPTION-CHANGE OF STATUS NOT NATURE

- Needed male priest to lead in worship
- All debts are paid off
- Father responsibility for liabilities of the son
- Adoptee became the same person as the adopter.
- Heirs immediately as all family members held property jointly



EMPEROR HADRIAN 138AD



ADOPTED ANTONIUS PIUS



ADOPTED MARCUS AURELIUS

“ I believe that I may be giving mankind the only chance it will ever have to realize Plato’s dream, to see a philosopher pure of heart ruling over his fellow men.”



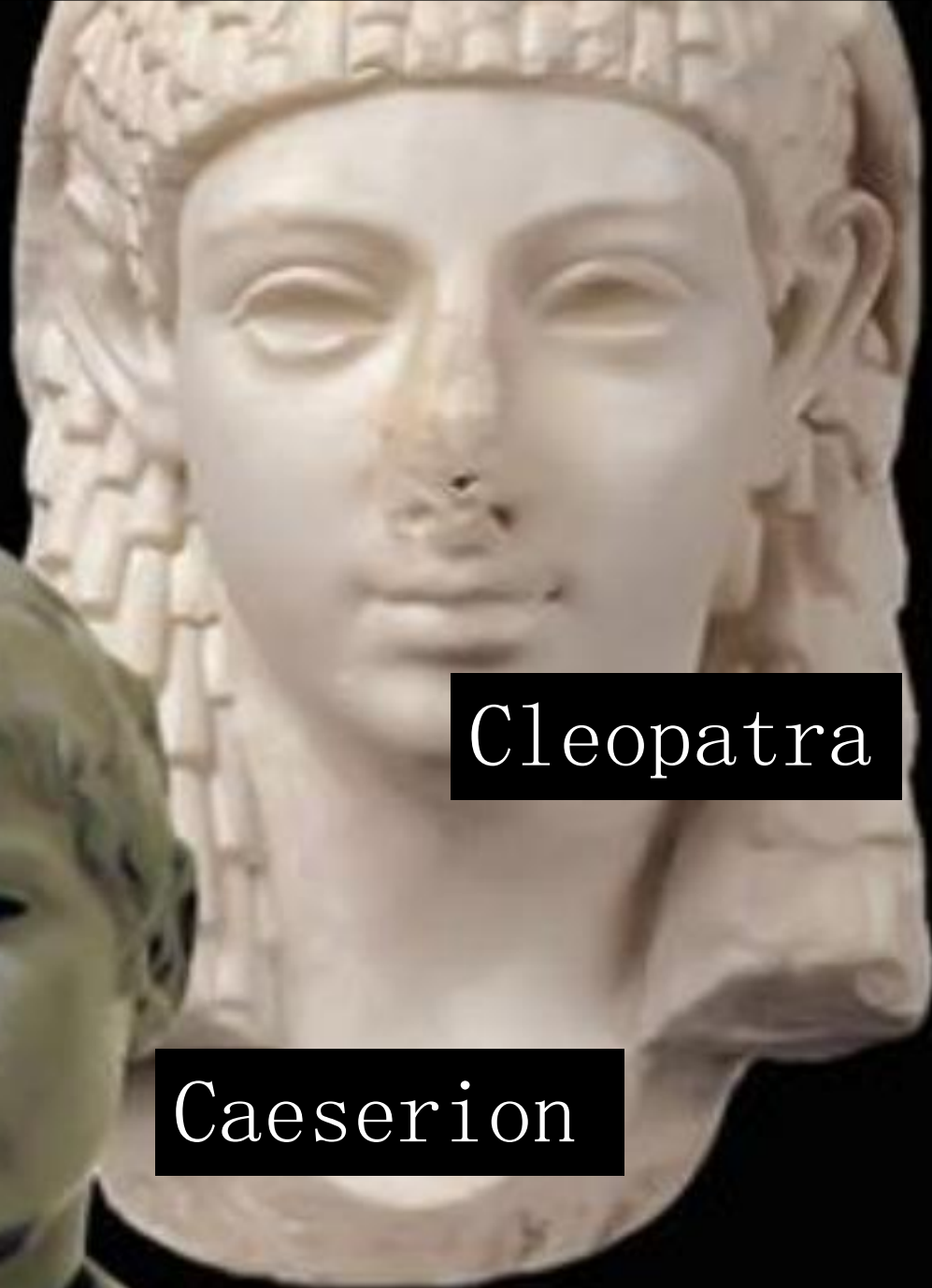
Julius Caesar



ADOPTED



Octavian



Cleopatra



Caeserion



TO BELIEVERS IN THYATHIRA

Revelation 2:26–27 (ESV) The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, 27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

SONS INSTEAD OF DAUGHTERS

Paul being subversive—metaphor inclusive



PREDESTINATION PATHWAY

Romans 8:30 (ESV) And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

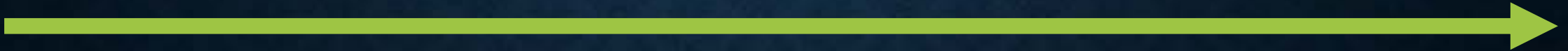
THE LAST STEPS IN SALVATION...GLORIFICATION

DNA infused

Legal Adoption

Justification

Spiritual regener



WE THINK ABOUT OUR INHERITANCE

Romans 8:24-25 (ESV) For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

My thinking about my inheritance helps me deal with my sufferings and makes me prepared to suffer
Need to live as if you are wealthy

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TO BE
GREAT

CHLOE KIM: AMERICA'S 17-YEAR-OLD SNOWBOARDING SENSATION



MY AMERICAN DREAM

"I was very stressed because everyone was saying Chloe was going to win gold but no one knows the result -- that I cannot control,"



THE DIFFERENCE MY FATHER IS ALSO THE KING

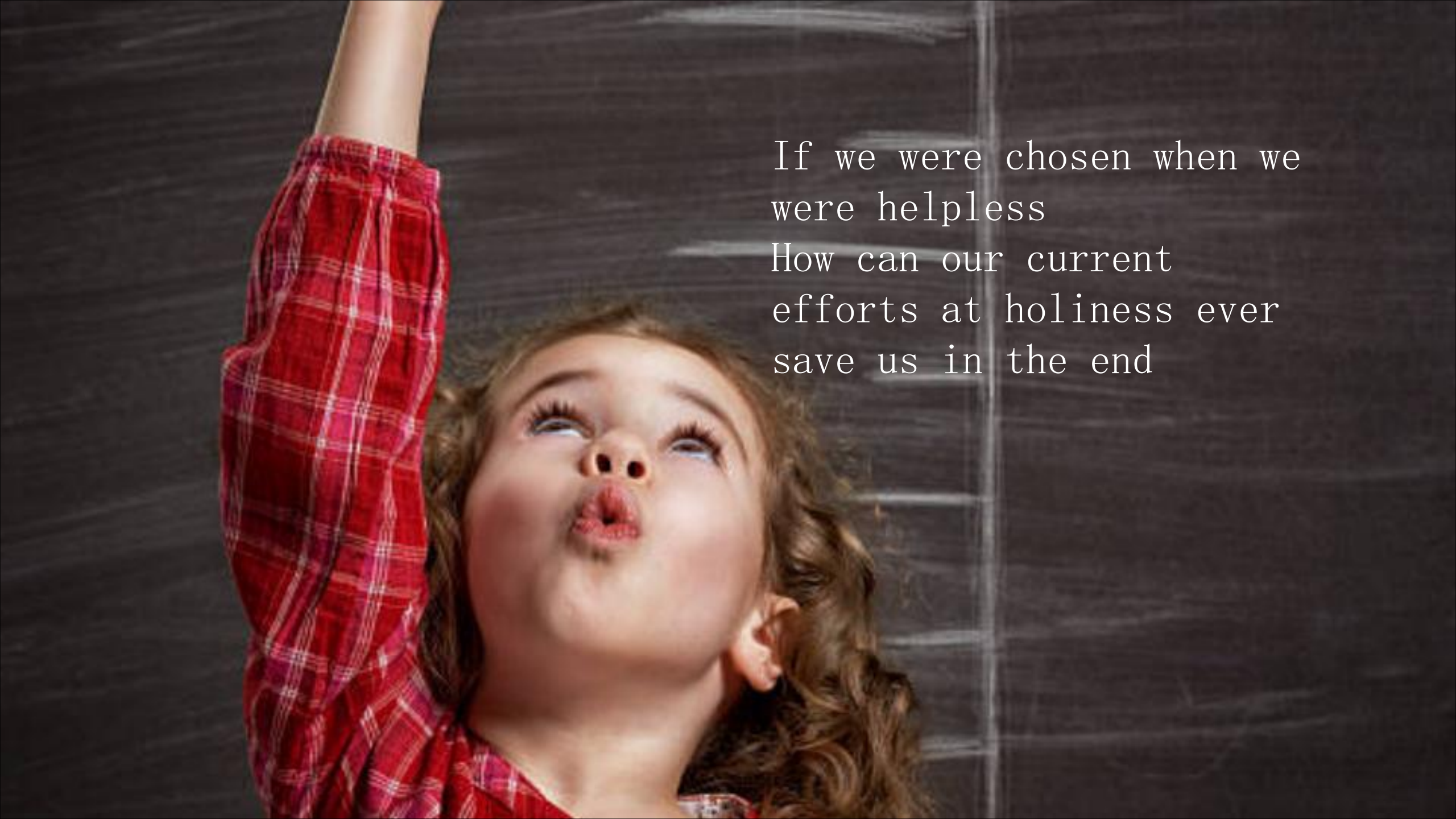
Father

King

Romans 8:28–29 (ESV) And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 2

*THE FACT THAT WE WERE CHOSEN WHEN WE
WERE ENEMIES IS THE ASSURANCE THAT HE
WILL COMPLETE OUR DELIVERANCE*

Romans 5:10 (ESV) For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.



If we were chosen when we
were helpless
How can our current
efforts at holiness ever
save us in the end

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Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV) In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

SUBJECTIVE ASSURANCE

Galatians 4:6–7 (ESV) And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

CHANGE THE WAY WE THINK FEEL AND BEHAVE

Romans 8:14-16 (ESV) For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by **REASSURANCE** "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

EXPERIENCE

Romans 5:5 (ESV) 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.

A photograph showing the back of a man and a young boy. The man is wearing a blue and white checkered shirt, and the boy is wearing a grey sweater. They are embracing each other from behind. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text "WHEN GOD HUGS YOU" is overlaid in white, stylized font in the lower right corner.

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DISCIPLINE

Hebrews 12:6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” 7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.



Bitter because you don' t understand

As a child you will not
understand

Learning to trust and obey
Being holy is more important
than getting what we want...all
disciple goal is righteousness

Slave like attitude wont be
comforted by being holy
Using God instead of serving God.

CONFIDENCE DUE TO THE EVIDENCE OF HIS INFLUENCE..HOLINESS

1 John 2:28-29 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.



NOTICE IT IS NOT THE
GIFTS



Sonship is
about
reflecting
His character
and nature

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A group of people are silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky at sunset or sunrise. In the background, a large, simple cross stands prominently. The people in the foreground are in various poses of joy and celebration, with some raising their arms and others holding hands. The overall mood is one of hope and community.

Encourage instead of compete

Joy and sorrow
together

Thankful
for others
success

Mark 10:29–31 (ESV) Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

1 Corinthians 12:12–13 (ESV) For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

HOW WE TREAT FAMILY

1 Timothy 5:1-2 (ESV) Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

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Henry Hocking

Richard Hocking



The image shows two pilots in a cockpit. The pilot on the left is older with white hair, and the pilot on the right is younger with short brown hair. They are both wearing white pilot uniforms with epaulettes and striped ties. The cockpit background is filled with various instruments and screens. A yellow box at the top center contains the word 'Motivation'. A red arrow points from this box to a list of words on the left, and a yellow arrow points to a list of words on the right.

Motivation

Fear
Obedience
Desire to
be in
heaven

Admiration
Pride
Gratitude
Love

OUR DESIRE TO LIVE UP TO OUR FATHER'S EXPECTATIONS

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