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Adopted into God's Family

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When anyone mentions the word family, usually the first thought that pops in our minds is the biological family. But for the Christian, there is another family - the most honourable family - the most valuable family - the family of God. When we believed in the name of Jesus, we became

children of God, adopted into the family of God (John 1:1:13-14, Ephesians 1:5, Romans 8:15). We were taken out of darkness (Ephesians 5:8) and placed into the most honourable family. In the ancient Roman world, adoption meant all the debts were

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cancelled and the adoptee was given a new start as part of the new family, sharing in the honour, privileges and responsibilities of the new family.

“It is God, the Father, who is the prime mover in our adoption - to bring us into a community, his family.” (1 Tim. 5:8, NIV)

And it is Jesus Christ, the Son of God who opened the way for our adoption. Unlike many earthly adoptions, it was not our gender, our race, our cuteness or our potential that qualified us for adoption. And to top it off, God has given the gift of the Holy Spirit as the seal, the indispensable evidence of our adoption.

Therefore we, as adopted children of God, ought to demonstrate our loyalty to our heavenly Father and our new family. But many of us live in deception - we say we honour God and yet we often treat our heavenly family with dishonour. We dishonour God's family when we fail to extend patience, kindness, love, time and effort to our brothers and sisters in Christ. When we have no room in our hearts to accept those who are not of our biological family, our friends or our type of people. When we buy into the ways of the world and culture that puts us and our inner circle as the most important. And when we implicitly teach our children and the younger generations that it is OK to limit our love, our time and our efforts to those who are our type of people.

Even as I write this, I realise that I am guilty of all of the above. I pay lip service about loving and serving the family of God and yet all too often the family of God gets the leftovers. But all is not lost.

It is God's grace and mercy that calls us to repentance, to plead for our Abba to change our hearts from within, to fill our hearts with love, and courage to step out in faith. May I encourage each of us to ask the Spirit of God to enable us to take that step of faith to honour God and his family. Maybe it is the step to invite the lonely sister or brother into your family. Or to step out of your comfort zone and join the team ministering to Burmese families. There are many things one can do. What is needed is the heart of gratitude to honour God. And God will show the way to bring honour and blessing towards others within the household of faith.

For those who want to dig deeper into the concept of Adoption into God's family, I recommend *Adopted into God's Family*, Trevor J Burke, NSBT, IVP, 2006.



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| Pulpit Program

January 23, 2022

The Influence of False Teachers

(Matthew 15:32;16:12)



PREACHER

Lee Yee Dian

January 30, 2022

Family Sermon Series:

The Seed of the Woman - How God Works Through imperfect Families



PREACHER

Arnold Lim

February 06, 2022

The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail Against You:

The Key to Victorious Living
(Matthew 16:13-23)



PREACHER

John Lee

February 13, 2022

The Cross Shaped Life

(Matthew 16:24-28)



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PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

Our Family - God's Family



1. Lord, let us put you at the centre of the family. Teach us to extend love to each other. May Your peace that transcend all understanding guard our family (Philippians 4:7).
2. Thank You God for your wall of protection around our family that keeps us safe from any evil and lies.
3. Let our conversations be always full of grace, seasoned with salt (Colossians 4:6).
4. May our family not fight against each other, but face challenges together.
5. Where there is conflict, soften the hard hearts...
6. Where there is betrayal, bring restoration...
7. Where there is abuse, bring wholeness...
8. Where there is hurt, bring forgiveness...
9. Where there is brokenness, bring healing...
10. What is impossible for men, is possible for God (Luke 18:27). So do the impossible in our family.

Source: Malaysia United Firewall

| Upcoming Events



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to Life Than This?**
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