

## **Giving Light Devotional Podcast**

### **EP23: Adoption to Sonship**

This week we talk with Rebecca Hilton about what the Bible means when it says that we have been adopted into the family of God.

#### **SCRIPTURES:**

**Romans 8:14-17**, “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.” (NIV)

**Galatians 3:26-29**, “So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (NIV)

**Ephesians 1:4-6**, “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.” (NIV)

**John 10:10**, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (NIV)

**Romans 8:19-21**, “For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.” (NIV)

**Romans 8:23**, “Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.” (NIV)

**Romans 8:26**, “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.” (NIV)

**Romans 8:34**, “Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.” (NIV)

**Romans 8:38-39**, “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (NIV)

### QUESTIONS:

1. Write down just 5 benefits that accompany our adoption into the family of God.

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2. Since we've been adopted into the Kingdom of God, do we have a responsibility as a son or daughter to adopt the ways of the Kingdom? Why or why not?

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3. Adoption has the power to change the way you think about yourself and the world around you. Write down 3 mindsets that would need to change when you enter the family of God.

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4. What are some of the lies/mindsets of an orphan spirit?

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5. Is there any benefit of adoption that you have failed to appropriate? If so explain.

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6. If you had to explain to someone what it meant to be adopted into the family of God, how would you explain this truth?

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