

Rejoicing In Our Adoption

Proclamation Life Groups; 1 Peter 1:1-2; Week of Sunday, March 11, 2018; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme – Those who trust in God, who according to His great mercy caused them to be born again to a living hope, have their eyes fixed on a future heavenly reward, which enables them to persevere in godliness and endure whatever trial or persecution comes their way.

I. The Glory of Our Adoption – 1 Peter 1:1

- A. When you think about the idea of adoption, what are all the steps that need to happen for a baby to be adopted into a family? What parts of that process are completed by the baby?
- B. How does Eph. 1:3-14 help us understand what it means to be the “*elect*” people of God?
- C. As you think about the work “*exile*”, what other words come to your mind as synonyms? In the context of 1 Peter, what do you think it looks like for these people to live as exiles?
- D. What do you think is the significance of these people being referred to as “*elect exiles*”?
- E. Why would the original readers of 1 Peter be encouraged to know that God had chosen them in Christ to live gloriously different and had purposely “*scattered*” them to these Provinces?

II. The Cost of Our Adoption – 1 Peter 1:2

- A. How would you describe the “*foreknowledge of God*” as it relates to the doctrine of election? Can you think of other passages that help you understand the “*foreknowledge of God*”?
- B. How does John 3:1-15 and 16:4-11 help you understand the role of the Spirit in salvation?
- C. What do you think Peter means when he says, “*to obey Jesus and be sprinkled with His blood*?” How does 1 Peter 1:17-21 help with your understanding of this phrase?
- D. How does it make you feel when you consider the fact that God mobilized the Trinity for your salvation and adoption? How would that encourage you in the midst of persecution?

III. The Purpose of Our Adoption – Application

- A. How does John 3:16-18 and John 14:1-6 help us understand that there’s absolutely no tension in the bible with election and the need to believe in Jesus?
- B. What mission field and platform has God uniquely given to you?
- C. How would you like to grow in “*proclaiming the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light*” (1 Peter 2:9)? How can we pray for you in that regard?