

## Why did God adopt?

1. **Passage:** Ephesians 1:4-6: In love, he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.
2. **Why is Divine Adoption important?** (or why was it neglected?)  
The metaphor = that we are in God's family. Bc we don't understand the metaphor (we don't value being God's children)

"Our first point about adoption is that it is the highest privilege that the gospel offers."

"In adoption, God takes us into his family and fellowship—he establishes us as his children and heirs. Closeness, affection and generosity are at the heart of the relationship. To be right with God the Judge [justification] is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father [adoption] is a greater."

"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 at all. . . . "Father" is the Christian name for God."<sup>1</sup>

3. **Greco-Roman Context: *Who and Why?***
4. **Modern Adoption Ideas: *Who and Why?***
  - a. In America,
  - b. In India,
  - c. In East Africa,
  - d. In divine adoption?
5. **Divine Adoption: *Why did God adopt us?***
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
6. **Divine Adoption: *Who adopts us?***
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
7. **Language and Songs:**
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<sup>1</sup>J. I. Packer, *Knowing God*, 206-7.