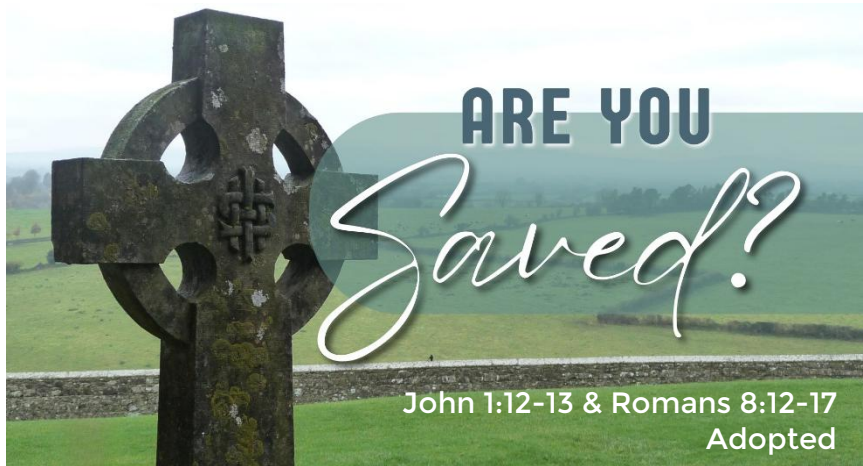




When we are _____, God _____

that we are now _____, which means we are

_____.

If we want to be God's children in any meaningful way, we must

_____.

When God adopts us, our _____. Before, we were

_____. Now, we are _____.

When the Bible calls God your Father, it is not saying _____

_____ or _____.

It is saying that Jesus has a _____, and he

_____!

How do you know if you are a child of God?

1. The _____ God has _____

2. The _____

In a way, the believer's adoption is _____.

However, we can _____ as we learn how to

_____.

Questions to ponder and discuss:

1. What does it mean to be a child of God?
2. If you are a believer, which of these is the most exciting to you right now? Explain your answer.
 - a. Your adoption is permanent. You are secure.
 - b. Living into your freedom as a child of God
 - c. The glorious inheritance that awaits
3. The truth of our adoption in Christ is more than a metaphor or analogy. It is a real status before God. What in this sermon makes you think this is true?