“Adoption or Rebirth To Enter the Kingdom?”

Galatians 4:4-7
Separation at the Border? How About Hall County!

Last 5 years increase of Hall County children in foster care:


reported Dec. 3, 2017 Gainesville Times

26 DFCS foster homes

36 private agency licensed homes

28 adoptions last year
Security in God’s Family

In sharp contrast: Divine Security!

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them out of My hand. My Father who has given them to Me is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of My Father’s hand” (John 10:28-29).
So, How **Does** This Happen?

John 3:3 = “Rebirth” vs. Gal. 3:5 = “Adoption”
The Blessings of Spiritual Adoption

New family and new name (Acts 11:26)

New future - “heirs”
(1 Corinthians 2:9)

New lifestyle -
(Colossians 3:1)
Spiritual Adoption Represents a Legal Change That Was Long-Planned

Spiritual laws in effect:
“...law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from law of sin and death” (Rom 8:2).

“...just as He chose us from the foundation of the world”...“In love, He predestined us to adoption as sons” (Ephesians 1:4-6).
Spiritual Adoption Comes at a Price

“God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons“ (Galatians 4b-5).

Redeem = “set free by paying a price”
Romans 6:23 – “the wages of sin is death...”
1 Cor. 6:20 – “you have been bought with a price”
Adoption = Fundamental Change in Relations / Belonging

vs. 6 – “... crying ‘Abba! Father!’”
** access to the Almighty!
Our shelter in the storm!
The One Whom we crave affection from!

vs. 7 – “no longer slave... but a son”
“and if a son, then an heir through God”
One Element Human Adoption Does Not Change: **Genetic Identity**

Adopted children will always have **natural** parents who provide specific DNA – hence, toes, fingers, hair, eyes physical features similarity.

But a “rebirth” results in a new **creature**! (2 Corinthians 5:17).

“we become partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4).
So God Reaches Beyond Adoption to Rebirth

Rebirth – changes our inward nature
Ephesians 2:3 – “children of wrath to children of God”
In rebirth, God grants a new DNA!
Holy DNA that bears fruit – Galatians 5:22-23