

## THE ADOPTION OF SONS

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### Adoption pertaineth to Israel

**Romans 9:4** Who are **Israelites**; to whom pertaineth **the adoption**, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; 5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

### Adoption = Huiothesia

*Huiothesia* is a compound Greek word: from "*Huios*" (a son) and "*Thesia*" (a setting or placing). Therefore, it actually means, **"the placing of one in the position of a son."**

### God placed Israel in the position of a son

**Exodus 4:22** And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, **Israel is my son**, even my firstborn:

### A Son inherits

**Jeremiah 3:19** "Then I said, 'How I would set you (Israel) among **My sons**, And **give you a pleasant land, The most beautiful inheritance** of the nations!' And I said, ' You shall call Me, My Father, And not turn away from following Me. '

### A Son rules

**Psalm 2:6-8** Yet have I set **my king** upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son**; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of **the earth for thy possession**.

### Israel was chosen

**Deuteronomy 7:6-7** For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy **God hath chosen thee to be a special people** unto himself, **above all people that are upon the face of the earth**. 7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people.

### God was in a covenant relationship with Israel

**Exodus 34:27** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words **I have made a covenant** with you and with **Israel**."

### Only Israel was known of God in a special way

**Amos 3:2** You (Israel) **only have I known of all the families of the earth**: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

### Israel rebelled against the Lord

**Isaiah 1:2** Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken: "**Sons** have I reared and

brought up, but **they have rebelled against me.**

**Not all of Israel received Jesus as Messiah**

**John 1:11** He (Jesus) came unto his own (Israel), and **his own received him not.**

**A remnant of Israel received Him**

**John 1:12-13** But as **many** (Jews, a remnant) **as received him** (as the Messiah, the Christ, the King of Israel 1:41,49), **to them gave he power to become the sons of God** (?heirs of God, ? Rom.8:17; ?children of the promise, ? Rom.9:7), even to them that believe on his name: **13 Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.**

**Israel within Israel**

**Romans 9:6** Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all **Israel** (faithful remnant ? spiritual Israel), which are of **Israel** (the nation):

**An Israelite indeed**

**John 1:47** Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an **Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!**

**A spiritual Jew**

**Romans 2:28-29** For **he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly**; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: **29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly**; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; **whose praise is not of men, but of God** (a life lived by faith).

**Jews that are not Jews**

**Revelation 2:9**

**I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan•**

**The true circumcision**

**Philippians 3:3** For **we are the circumcision**, which worship God in the spirit, and **rejoice in Christ Jesus**, and have **no confidence in the flesh.**

**Unbelieving Israel was rejected and the elect Gentiles were accepted**

**Romans 11:16-17,20-21** For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. **17 And if some (not all) of the branches** (Israel, natural branches) **be broken off**, and **thou** (elect Gentiles), being a wild olive tree, **wert grafted in among them** (the remnant of faithful Israel), and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; **20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off**, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: **21 For if God spared not the natural branches**, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

### **The remnant of Israel became Christ's elect**

**John 15:19** If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but **I have chosen you out of the world** (the nation of Israel), therefore the world hateth you.

**John 18:20** Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to **the world**; I always taught in synagogues, and in the temple, **where all the Jews come together**; and I spoke nothing in secret.

### **Israel ?elect? are they that are of faith**

**Romans 4:12** And the father of circumcision to **them** (Jews) **who are not of the circumcision only**, but who **also walk in the steps of that faith** of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

### **The remnant of Israel became Christ's church**

**Matthew 16:18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock (on the true confession in v.16) I will build **my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

### **The Lord's church is called ?the Israel of God?**

**Galatians 6:15-16** For **in Christ Jesus** neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a **new creature**. 16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on **them** (?unto the churches of Galatia,? Gal.1:2), and mercy, and upon **the Israel of God**.

### **The new covenant was made with ?the Israel of God?**

**Luke 22:20** Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is **the new covenant** in My blood, which is shed for **you** (His church, the Israel of God).

### **Gentiles are partakers with the remnant of Jews**

**Ephesians 3:6** That **the Gentiles** (?chosen,? 1:4) should **be fellow heirs**, and **of the same body** (with the remnant of Jews), and **partakers of his promise** in Christ by the gospel:

### **One new man ? Jew and Gentile**

**Ephesians 2:15** Having abolished in His flesh (on the cross) the enmity (between Jew and Gentile), that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances (ceremonial laws of distinction), so as to create in Himself **one new man** from **the two** (Jew and Gentile), thus making **peace**.

### **The election and the adoption includes the Gentiles**

**Ephesians 1:3-5** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blessed us** (Jews and Gentiles) with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath **chosen us** in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having **predestinated us unto the adoption** of children [the placement, or position or appointment as sons] by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

## **Sons are placed in the future**

**Romans 8:19** For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for **the revealing of the sons of God.**

### **Groaning for the future adoption**

**Romans 8:23** Not only that, but we also who have **the firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves **groan within ourselves**, eagerly waiting for **the adoption** [?the time when we will take our place as sons,? BBE], **the redemption of our body.**

### **The first fruits of the Spirit**

**John 16:13** Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and **he will shew you things to come.**

### **The redemption of our body**

**1 Corinthians 15:50-53** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot **inherit the kingdom of God**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at **the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed. 53 For this **corruptible must put on incorruption**, and this **mortal must put on immortality.**

### **Now we have received the Spirit of adoption**

**Romans 8:14-15** For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God** (?not to live after the flesh?to mortify the deeds of the body,?v.12-13) **these are sons of God.** 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but **you received the Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, "**Abba, Father.**"

### **What does it mean to receive the Spirit?**

**1 Corinthians 2:12** Now **we have received**, not the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit who is from God**, **that we might know the things** (?the things which God has prepared for them that love him,? v.9) that have been freely given [or to grant or bestow] to us by God.

### **Crying out, Abba, Father**

**Mark 14:36** And He (Jesus, the Son) said, "**Abba, Father**, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, **not what I will, but what You will.**"

### **The overcomers are placed as Sons**

**Revelation 21:7** He that **overcometh** shall **inherit all things**; and I will be his God, and **he shall be my son**