

## Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

### Spiritual Blessings in Christ

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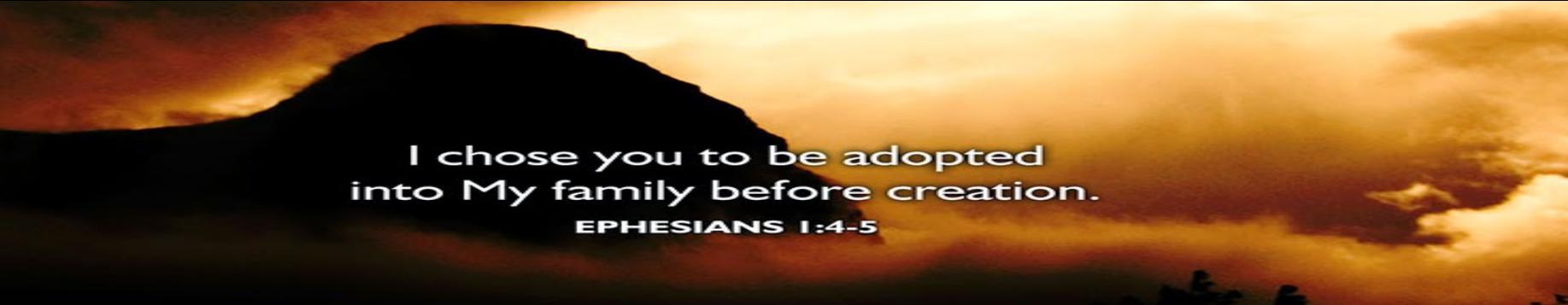
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## What exactly did God do?

**ADOPTION:** To be part of God's Family v.5; John 1:12

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I chose you to be adopted  
into My family before creation.

EPHESIANS 1:4-5

**John 1:12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

**Romans 8: 15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”



Here is a thinking questions:

What if God, desiring to show His wrath & make known His power, has endured with much patience **vessels of wrath** prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of His glory for **vessels of mercy** which He prepared beforehand for glory...

**Romans 9:22-23**



Why did God do it?

Grace: An **UNDESERVED GIFT OF GOD** v. 6

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## What do we get from it?

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**Romans 5:** <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

**2 Corinthians 6:** <sup>18</sup> and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

**1 John 1:** <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## What do we get from it?

1. Forgiveness = Our DEBT was PAID by Jesus Christ. v. 7
2. God's will = We have been CHOSEN to be SET APART [L] [SEP] v. 11
3. Relationship = Jesus gave his life FOR US, AND TO US. v.7-10; Romans 5:8-10
4. Guarantee = We are SONS and DAUGHTERS of the King. v. 14; 2 Corinthians 6:18
5. Inheritance = We are CITIZENS of HEAVEN. v, 12-14.



# What can we do as being part of God's Family?

<sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. – Ephesians 1



## Now What?

**James 4:** <sup>17</sup> So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

**1 Timothy 4:** <sup>12</sup> Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

**1 John 3:** <sup>10</sup> By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. <sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.







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