

# Adoption and the Kingdom of God

What could be closer to the Father-heart of God than adoption? It is the natural equivalent to the supernatural act of becoming a member of God's family.

As Christians who profess faith in Christ Jesus, we are the children of God. We who were once in the grip of sin have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God. He sought us, bought us,

brought us into His family. Once spiritual orphans ourselves, our heavenly Father has made us His children through faith in Christ.

Today, all over the world, there are multiple thousands of children who are not only spiritual orphans, but **total** orphans: without a father or a mother or a family to care for them.

Since 1991, Christian World Adoption has helped place thousands of orphans into loving, permanent families. Children who had little hope of a

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bright future now have parents and a family to call their own. Just as we were once without hope and God in this world, so were these children.

Christian World Adoption's mission is to help unite these orphans with loving, Christ-centered families here in the United States and abroad.

If the Lord truly places the lonely in families, then we must examine whether or not our religion rightly reflects the

needed children. Since we have so freely received, let us also freely give!

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Perhaps there are families in your church who would open their hearts and homes to needy

orphans in Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia and Latin America. Churches must be envisioned and encouraged to pray for these children, serve them, and help finance Christian families who have the heart to adopt, but not the funds to do so.

There are many ways the Church can impact the world for Christ. We believe that international adoption is an incredibly effective way to communicate, and demonstrate, God's love for orphans all over the world. 🌐

## What the Bible says about Adoption

### Romans 8:15

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

### Romans 8:23

And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

### Romans 9:4

...who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises...

### Galatians 4:5

...so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

### Ephesians 1:5

He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.



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