

ADOPTED CHILD OF GOD:

The Fulfillment of a Limitless Life



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NOTES:

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-*Ephesians 1:5*

1. Many of us are wearing a life-destroying label: “Orphan”.

- Orphans feel anonymous.

The word anonymous can be defined as “lacking uniqueness or distinction.” When we allow orphan wounds to limit our lives, we become anonymous people. When we are not connected to God our Father, we do not know who we are—we feel orphaned and lose the capacity to discover our uniqueness. When we feel anonymous, we roam through life lost, looking for a love and an identity that no human, no job, no amount of money could ever provide.

- Orphans feel abandoned.

- Orphans feel afraid.

2. Time for a new label: “Adopted”.

- God gives us His adopting love.

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- God gives us daughtership and sonship.

*“So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call him, ‘Abba, Father.’” **Romans 8:15 NLT***

- God gives us friendship.

*“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God’s condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of His Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.” **Romans 5:8-11 NLT***

Soul-tattoo: Write God a letter, thanking Him for adopting you into His family.

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