

Adoption and Sonship

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A Study of the Biblical Terms by Franklin

This is a study of the early Greek words to obtain the original meanings of those manuscripts. Because this study might challenge our thinking, the following statement from the Wall Street Journal November 14, 2009, is important to prepare us for this study. "For the most part, our mind is like a compulsive yes-man who echoes whatever you want to believe. Psychologists call this "confirmation bias."

A recent analysis of psychological studies with nearly 8,000 participants concluded that people are twice as likely to seek information that confirms what they already believe as they are to consider evidence that would challenge those beliefs. A psychologist of Emory University in Atlanta says: "it's simply easier to focus our attention on data that supports our hypothesis, rather than to seek out evidence that might disprove it." Personal interjection in Bible translation is an issue that even affects the 1611 KING JAMES VERSION, as scholars were forced to omit and change scripture to comply with the King's guidelines, one of which was that the KJV could not contradict the Bishop's Bible.

In all honesty, to study the Scriptures without prejudices, we must say to the above, "*Yes, this is true of me also.*"

Therefore, for the sake of seeking truth, being stretched, and

for giving an alternate translation serious consideration without being held by a conformational bias, consider the following study.

The word adoption is used five times in the New Testament
Romans 8:15 **you have received a spirit of adoption**

Romans 8:23 **waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons,**

Romans 9:4 **Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons**

Galatians 4:5-6 **that we might receive the adoption as sons.**

Ephesians 1:5 **He predestined us to adoption as sons**

❖ What does the word ADOPTION MEAN TO YOU??

Adoption Definition: A child is taken to legally become the child of parents that **did not give him birth.**

The word adoption plants the thought that our first father was not our Heavenly FATHER. Therefore, this study is to remove all doubts and questions as to who our first FATHER WAS.

Let's first look at the Greek text to see the original meaning.

The Greek word is: **huiothesia** (υἰοθεσιαζ) comes from a compound of: 5207 (υἱοί – **son.** not the word for CHILD) and a derivative of 5087 (τιθέμε – **to place**) Giving the meaning: **TO PLACE AS A SON.** This is clearly speaking of **SONSHIP or MATURITY.** The word **"SONS" emphasizes MATURITY AND NOT GENDER.**

The word should be translated accurately as **"ADULT SON placing"** or **"placed as a son"** and understood as the Jewish ceremony of "Bar Mitzvah." when a family recognizes their 13-

year-old child to be considered **an adult** and **responsible** for his moral and religious duties. No longer a child, but a **SON**, “a **MATURE one.**” The **child was ALWAYS in the family**, and now has reached the age to be recognized as a “**son**” **MATURE**, and an **ADULT**. Our earthly FATHER gives us the **keys to the car**. Our Heavenly FATHER Gives us **the KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD**. Matthew 16:19 **I will give you the KEYS OF THE KINGDOM**

WE WERE NOT ADOPTED!

WE WERE NEVER CHILDREN OF THE EVIL ONE.

Ephesians 1:3 Makes it Clear WHO our FATHER has always been. Blessed be the GOD and FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST who **HAS BLESSED US WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN THE HEAVENLIES IN CHRIST, WOW!** THINK ABOUT THAT: **EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING.**

LET'S COUNT OUR BLESSINS, ONE BY ONE.

4 JUST AS #1 HE CHOSE US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD. THIS IS THE GREATEST BLESSING THAT EVER COULD BE: **CHOSEN BY GOD ALMIGHTY.** From that point on **we WERE HIS, from BEFORE the foundation of the world.**

Our first earthly father was ADAM.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, through **one man, sin entered the world and death through sin, so death spread to all men, because all sinned.** Adam sinned by obeying satan who WAS

NOT HIS FATHER and everyone born thereafter had his same sin nature. And **Romans 6:16** tells us: **whosoever you obey his servant you are whom you obey.** Therefore, Adam and all of us are **obeying** satan when we sin and therefore his servant. But we were **NOT BORN OF HIM** and he, the evil one, HATES US. Some, in casual reading of the following verse conclude **we were** children of the evil one. This IS NOT TRUE.

Ephesians 2:1-9 And **we were dead** in our trespasses and sins, 2 in which we formerly **walked** according to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now working in the "SONS OF DISOBEDIENCE."** (satan has his **sons** and The LORD has HIS) 3 **Among them** (we were "**Among** them" Not "**OF**" them) **we too** (like them) all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, **indulging** the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were **by nature** (our sin nature, not by birth) **children of wrath** (what we did, not who we were) **even as THE REST.** 4 **BUT GOD, BEING RICH IN MERCY, BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE WITH WHICH #2 HE LOVED US,** 5 **even when we were dead in our transgressions, #3 MADE US ALIVE** (Aorist tense) together "**WITH**" CHRIST

 For our understanding of how our FATHER sees us let me add **Colossians 3:3** For **YOU HAVE DIED** and **YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD.** What happens to JESUS happens to us. This is the way, in eternity, our FATHER SEES US. The OLD SELF is DEAD and the NEW SELF is ALIVE IN CHRIST JESUS. Ephesians 4:23-24

Greek Aorist tense: the ACTION Happened and was Completed at a point in the past when by the Blood of JESUS our sins were forgiven and HE was RAISED from the dead, we were:

MADE ALIVE TOGETHER "WITH" CHRIST. BY GRACE YOU: #4 HAVE BEEN SAVED (Aorist tense) **6 AND #5 RAISED UP "WITH" HIM** (Aorist tense) **AND #6 SEATED US "WITH" HIM** (Aorist tense) **IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES "IN" CHRIST JESUS,** IT IS ALL DONE FOR US **IN CHRIST.** FINISHED. ACCOMPLISHED. Our FATHER, in ETERNITY **DECLARES THE END FROM THE BEGINNING** Isaiah 46:10 **7 SO THAT IN THE AGES TO COME HE MIGHT SHOW THE SURPASSING RICHES OF HIS GRACE IN KINDNESS TOWARD US IN CHRIST JESUS.** 8 For **BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED** (Aorist tense) **BY faith;** and **that** (meaning faith) **IS NOT OF YOURSELVES,** **IT** (faith) **#7** is the **GIFT OF GOD;** 9 **NOT AS A RESULT OF WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST.**

- Romans 12:3 GOD has **given** to each a **measure** of Faith
- 2 Peter 1:1 To THOSE who have **RECEIVED A FAITH** of **the same kind as ours.**
- Galatians 3:23 **Before FAITH CAME** we were kept in custody under the law being shut up to the **FAITH which later to be revealed**
- Hebrews 12:2 **JESUS, the author and perfecter of faith,**
- **What do you have that you did not receive?**

FAITH DOES NOT ORIGINATE FROM WITHIN US, IT IS THE **GIFT OF GOD TO US. ETERNAL SALVATION IS TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY OF THE LORD!!**

- Titus 3:5 **according to HIS MERCY, HE SAVED US** (Aorist).

LET'S CONTINUE COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS.

Ephesians 1:3-11 Blessed be the GOD and FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST who **HAS BLESSED US WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS** IN THE HEAVENLIES **"IN"** CHRIST, **WOW! THANK ABOUT THAT. JUST AS HE CHOSE US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD,** (from that point on we WERE HIS) that **WE WOULD BE #8 HOLY** and **BLAMELESS** before HIM. On The Cross our sin was forgiven by the BLOOD of HIS SON. From then on **HE sees us as HOLY and BLAMELESS.**

In LOVE 5 HE #9 PREDESTINED US (Aorist Tense) to **ADOPTION AS SONS. NO! TO BE PLACED AS SONS.** BY **JESUS CHRIST to HIMSELF,** according to the **kind intention** of **HIS WILL,** 6 to the PRAISE of the **GLORY** of **HIS GRACE,** which HE FREELY **#10* BLESSED US WITH SPECIAL HONOR IN THE BELOVED.** *5487 Greek: χαριτόω to GRACE or BLESS with SPECIAL HONOR. To be HIGHLY FAVORED. It is used only one other place where it is translated **"highly favored"**: Luke 1:28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Greetings **highly favored one, the LORD is with you,** blessed are you among women.

It is saying, WE ALSO ARE HIGHLY FAVORED. VERY SPECIAL.

7 **"IN HIM"** #11 we **HAVE REDEMPTION** (Aorist) HE PURCHASED BACK HIS CHILDREN WHO **BELONGED** TO HIM. TO FREE US FROM **CAPTIVITY** and **SLAVERY** BY PAYMENT OF RANSOM.

VALUE IS DETERMINED BY THE **PRICE PAID TO PURCHASE**. **JESUS REDEEMED YOU BY THE PAYMENT OF HIS LIFE AND HIS SHED BLOOD.**

YOU ARE THAT VALUABLE TO JESUS AND YOUR FATHER. HOW MUCH DOES HE LOVE YOU ???

the #12 **FORGIVENESS** of our trespasses, according to the **RICHES** of **HIS GRACE** 8 which **HE HAS CAUSED TO SUPERABOUND** in **QUANTITY** and **QUALITY** (Gk. περισσεύω perisseuo Aorist) to us. **"In HIM"** 11 also we have #13 **obtained an inheritance**, (Aorist) having been **PREDESTINED** (Aorist) according to **HIS PURPOSE WHO WORKS ALL THINGS AFTER THE COUNSEL OF HIS WILL**. The Aorist verb tense of #9 through #13 puts the action to have happened and was completed at a point in the past. In other words, **IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE FOR US BY THE GRACE OF GOD**, through the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of **JESUS CHRIST**. **ETERNAL SALVATION IS TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY DONE FOR US BY THE LORD!!**

Salvation is in three tenses in the Bible:

#1. We HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN: ETERNAL DEATH. 2 Cor.5:19 Titus 3:5 HIS RESPONSIBILITY!

#2. WE ARE BEING SAVED FROM THE DAILY POWER OF SIN BY OUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD AND OBEDIENCE.

1 Cor. 1:18 Luke 9:23 Luke 6:46 **OUR RESPONSIBILITY!**

#3. WE SHALL BE SAVED FROM THE EVIL IN THIS WORLD AT THE LAST TRUMPET. Romans 5:9-10 1 Cor.15:51-58 HIS RESPONSIBILITY!

ETERNAL SALVATION IS 100 PERCENT OF THE LORD FOR HIS CHILDREN, HIS SEED. We are: HIGHLY HONORED, FAVORED, AND BLESSED.

The **LORD GOD CHOSE ALL OF HIS FAMILY BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD** (Ephesians 1:4)

And **CAUSED HIS CHILDREN TO BE BORN.**

John 1:12-13 But as many as **received HIM, to them HE** gave the right (Gk. privilege) to ***BE CHILDREN** (tekna) **of GOD**, to those who **believe** in HIS NAME, (who are they?) 13 **WHO WERE BORN**, **1 not of blood** (natural birth) **2 not of the will of the flesh** (natural birth) **3 not of the will of man** (natural birth) but **4 OF GOD.**

This is speaking of our **first** and **NATURAL BIRTH**, not our SPIRITUAL BIRTH which is Born Again.

If the first three speak of **natural birth**, translation consistency requires **BORN OF GOD** to also mean **our NATURAL BIRTH**.

WE WERE BORN OF GOD ! HE IS OUR FATHER!

*The Greek word is ginomai; **"to cause to be."** **HE CAUSED US to be children of GOD.** That is what FATHER'S DO. It is in the Aorist tense of the verb meaning "the action **happened** and was **completed** at a **point in the past.**" **And that point in the past is when: Ephesians 1:3-4**

Blessed be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, who **HAS BLESSED US** with **EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING** in the heavenly places in CHRIST, just as **HE CHOSE US "IN" HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD,**

In eternity, before creation, without any conditions of any kind, before you were born and had not done anything good or bad, out of HIS SOVEREIGN WILL and GRACE, **DECLARING THE END FROM THE BEGINNING** (Isaiah 46:10) **HE CHOSE YOU!**

YOUR FATHER LOVES YOU. YOU ARE CHOSEN. YOU ARE SPECIAL.

HE CHOSE US GUARANTING that WE would be **BORN OF GOD.** that we would be **HOLY** and **WITHOUT BLAME** before HIM.

WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CHILDREN OF GOD. HOWEVER WE ARE NOT TO REMAIN CHILDREN.

Ephesians 1:5 **HE PREDESTINED us** (to determine, or establish something **before** it actually happens) **to *adoption as SONS. NO! WRONG INTERPATION.**

Galatians 4:1 Now I say, as long as the **heir** is a **child**, he does not differ at all from **a slave** although **HE IS OWNER OF EVERYTHING** 2 but he is under **guardians** and **managers** ***until the date set by the father.** (3) SO ALSO WE, while we were CHILDREN (**before we believed**) were in **slavery**, under the principles of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time came, GOD sent forth HIS SON, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that **HE might REDEEM** those who were under the Law, that **we might receive the adoption as sons.** NO! That we **might be PLACED AS HIS SONS and DAUGHTERS** when **at the date set by the father** we are **born again** and the HOLY SPIRIT of JESUS CHRIST COMES **INTO US** giving us **Spiritual understanding** and the **power to say "NO"** to satan's temptations and **OBEY THE LORD.**

With this literal translation those who BELIEVE, or who become believers:

1. **WE WERE NOT ADOPTED** as we understand the term today
2. **WE WERE NEVER children of the devil.** As **some were:**
John 8:41-44 JESUS SAID: **YOU ARE *OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL.** ***OF** ἐκ Greek (ek) Means the source of ORIGINATION. Where action proceeds from.
3. WE WERE ALWAYS our FATHER's "children" and placed as a "son" or "daughter" (the age to know the will of the

Father) when we BELIEVED and were “born of the SPIRIT” receiving the “SPIRIT of SONSHIP,” or the “SPIRIT of MATURITY.”

Galatians 3:26 For you are ***ALL** (male & female) **SONS** (υἱοὶ) of **GOD through FAITH in CHRIST JESUS**. He is writing to the church in Galatia, to ***All** believers.

IN **CHOOSING US** and **PREDESTINATING US**, OF COURSE HE IS GOING **TO CAUSE US TO BE BORN**. (John 1:12-13) That is what Fathers do. Not only **BORN into this world** but also **BORN AGAIN**.

1 Peter 1:3 BLESSED be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, who ACCORDING TO HIS **GREAT MERCY** has **CAUSED US TO BE BORN AGAIN**. The **HOLY SPIRIT** COMES “**INTO**” US, **GIVING US SPIRITUAL AWAKENING** AS IT WAS **PREDESTINED** FOR US TO BE **PLACED AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS GIVING US UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUAL TRUTHS LEADING TO MATURITY, SONSHIP**.

HE CAUSED US TO BE BORN the FIRST TIME. And **HE CAUSED US TO BE BORN AGAIN**. **GOD ALMIGHTY, OUR FATHER, is OMNIPOTENT AND SOVEREIGN AND HE WILL NOT LOSE ONE OF HIS CHILDREN**.

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“None Should Perish”

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be called **“SONS of GOD”**. A TEST FOR MATURITY.

Matthew 5:44-45 But I say to you, **love** your enemies and **pray** for those who persecute you, 45 **so that you MAY BE "SONS" of your FATHER** who is in heaven. A TEST FOR MATURITY.

Only a mature believer will do this.

The **Greek scholar** Kenneth S. Wuest translated this verse correctly as **adult son placing**.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are **led by The SPIRIT GOD**, these are **SONS** (υἱοί) **of GOD**. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again with resulting fear, but you received **the SPIRIT who PLACES YOU AS ADULT SONS**, by whom we cry out with deep emotion, Abba, FATHER. The **SPIRIT HIMSELF** is constantly bearing testimony with our spirit that **WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN**. (τέκνα)

The LORD GOD determined from eternity, who would be his CHILDREN. And at that time wrote all our names in the Lamb's Book of Life. **Hebrews 12:22** You have come to . . . the general assembly and church of the firstborn **who are enrolled in heaven**, and to GOD.

Isaiah 46:9-11 I am GOD and there is no other. I AM GOD and there is no one like ME. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, **MY PURPOSE WILL BE ESTABLISHED**, and **I WILL ACCOMPLISH ALL MY GOOD PLEASURE**. **TRULY I HAVE SPOKEN; TRULY I WILL BRING IT TO PASS. I HAVE PLANNED IT, SURELY I WILL DO IT**. 11 SO WILL MY WORD

BE WHICH GOES FORTH FROM MY MOUTH; IT WILL NOT RETURN TO ME EMPTY, WITHOUT ACCOMPLISHING WHAT I DESIRE, AND WITHOUT SUCCEEDING IN THE MATTER FOR WHICH I SENT IT.

ALWAYS WERE HIS CHILDREN AND ALWAYS WILL BE HIS SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Ephesians 1:5-6 **In LOVE HE PREDESTINED** us to be placed as **HIS SONS and DAUGHTERS.**

Your **MATURITY** your **DESTINY** is **PREDESTINED** For **THOSE** whom HE **FOREKNEW**, HE **PREDESTINED** to become **CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON.**

HE PREDESTINED IT. IT WILL HAPPEN. Romans 8:29

Ephesians 4:14 As a result, we are **NO LONGER TO BE CHILDREN . . . but. . . WE ARE TO GROW UP in ALL ASPECTS** as **HIS SONS and DAUGHTERS**

So when the **TRIALS, TRIBULATIONS or PERSECUTION** COME: **COUNT IT ALL JOY** James 1:2 **knowing** that the **TESTING of YOUR FAITH PRODUCES ENDURANCE.** And let **ENDURANCE have it's PERFECT WORK** so that **YOU** may be **PERFECT** and **COMPLETE**, (mature) **lacking NOTHING.** And Romans 5:4 **ENDURANCE PRODUCES PROVEN CHARACTER** That is: **CHARACTER** in the **LIKENESS and IMAGE OF HIS SON.** Therefore:

Put on the **NEW SELF**, (THE NEW CHARACTER) which in the **LIKENESS OF GOD HAS BEEN CREATED** in **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and **HOLINESS** of the truth. Ephesians 4:24

THIS IS MATURITY, this is what trials are for. So let ENDURANCE have its PERFECT WORK so that YOU may be PERFECT, COMPLETE, Lacking Nothing. CHANGING US INTO HIS LIKENESS.

THIS IS OUR GOAL. This is what our **FATHER** wants,

This is what all of creation wants:

For the anxious longing of **creation waits eagerly** for the **REVEALING of the SONS of GOD**. Romans 8:19

Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for **our Adoption as sons NO! our PLACEMENT as SONS**, the **redemption of our body**. Romans 8:23

However, even if we do not reach this goal to be **changed**, and few if any will. Still this **change IS PREDESTINED** and therefore **WILL HAPPEN. HOW???**

❖ **Here is how our FATHER WILL DO IT:**

BEING **PREDESTINED** to be **CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON**. Romans 8:29 **IT WILL HAPPEN**

We WILL all be CHANGED, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised **imperishable**,

AND **WE WILL BE CHANGED** 1 Cor.15:51 AND WE
 SHALL FOREVER BE WITH THE LORD 1Thes.4:17
 BLESSED and HOLY is the one who has a part in
 the first resurrection; over these the second
 death has no power, but **THEY WILL BE PRIESTS**
 of GOD and of CHRIST and **WILL REIGN WITH**
HIM FOR A THOUSAND YEARS. Revelation 20:6

ALWAYS WERE HIS CHILDREN AND
 ALWAYS WILL BE HIS SONS AND
 DAUGHTERS
 TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS
 GRACE, WHICH HE HAS HIGHLY
 HONORED US IN THE BELOVED

Ephesians 1:6