



**Pamagat:** Adoption (Pag-aampon; Pagkukupkop)

**Bible Text:** Rom. 8:15 “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

*Pagsasalin:* Sapagkat hindi kayo tumanggap ng espiritu ng pagkaalipin upang muling matakot, kundi tumanggap kayo ng espiritu ng pagkukupkop, na dahil dito'y tumatawag tayo, Abba! Ama!

**Panimula:**

1. Rom. 8:23 “And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.”
2. Gal. 4:5 “To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”
3. Eph. 1:5 “Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,”

**I. The Sense and Meaning (Ang Kahulugan):**

- A. Adoption comes from the Greek υιοθεσία (*huiiothesia*) which is a compound word: *huios*, son and *tithemi*, placed. It means “son-placed” or “placing as a son.”
- B. Formally and legally – it is to place someone who is not naturally one’s own child in place as one’s own child with all the privileges and responsibilities that appertain to such a person. (Ex. Moses, Acts 7:21)
- C. Biblically:
  - 1) God gives the believer the position of sonship in His family. (Present blessings)
  - 2) God will redeem his body and make it suitable for this position. (Future blessings)
  - 3) We do not enter God’s family by adoption, we enter God’s family by regeneration.
  - 4) Adoption is the result of regeneration.

**II. The Need (Ang Pangangailangan ng Pag-aampon o Pagkukupkop):**

- A. Our bodies are “waiting for the adoption which is the redemption of our body.” (Rom. 8:23)
- B. Hence, we still “groan within ourselves.” (dumaraing sa ating sarili; dumadaing sa ating kalooban)
- C. Rom. 8:10 – “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”
- D. Every Christian is vulnerable to sin. (maaring masugatan o maapektohan).
- E. But one day, God will transform our bodies and this is the goal – the completion of our placement as a son (or child) of God.

**III. The Blessings of Adoption:**

- A. Access to God (Eph. 2:18; Heb. 4:16)
- B. Fellowship with God in the church (1 Cor. 3:9; 1 Jn. 1:3)
- C. The Indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6)
- D. The filling of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18) – a Christian must be filled with the Spirit or else he will be overtaken by his flesh or sinful nature.
- E. FUTURE BLESSING – a body that is suitable for our adoption to sonship. (Rom. 8:18; 1 Jn. 3:2)

**Katapusan:**

1. Dahil sa ating katawan, at sinful nature, kinakailangan na ingatan tayo ng Dios Ama.
2. Pero darating ang panahon, sa awa at grasya ng Dios – ay makakalas ang ating katawan sa kinaroroonan o presensya ng kasalanan at doon natin mararanasan ang buong-buo nating adoption o pag-aampon o pagkukupkop ng Dios sa atin! AMEN!
3. Appeal to sinners - -
4. Appeal to saints - - be filled with the Spirit!