

## PM Service 3/24/24

### **Q. 31 What benefits do they who are effectually called, partake of in this life?**

A. They who are effectually called, do in this life partake of justification (Rom 8:30), adoption (Eph 1:5), sanctification, and the various benefits which in this life do either accompany, or flow from them (1Cor 1:30).

### **Q. 32 What is justification?**

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins (Rom 3:24; Eph 1:7), and accepts us as righteous in his sight (2Cor 5:21) only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us (Rom 5:19), and received by faith alone (Gal 2:16; Phil 3:9).

### **Q. 33 What is adoption?**

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace (1 John 3:1), whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God (John 1:12; Rom 8:17).

### **Q. 34 What is sanctification?**

A. Sanctification is the work of God's Spirit (2 Thess 2:13), whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God (Eph 4:24), and are enabled more and more to die to sin, and live to righteousness (Rom 6:11).

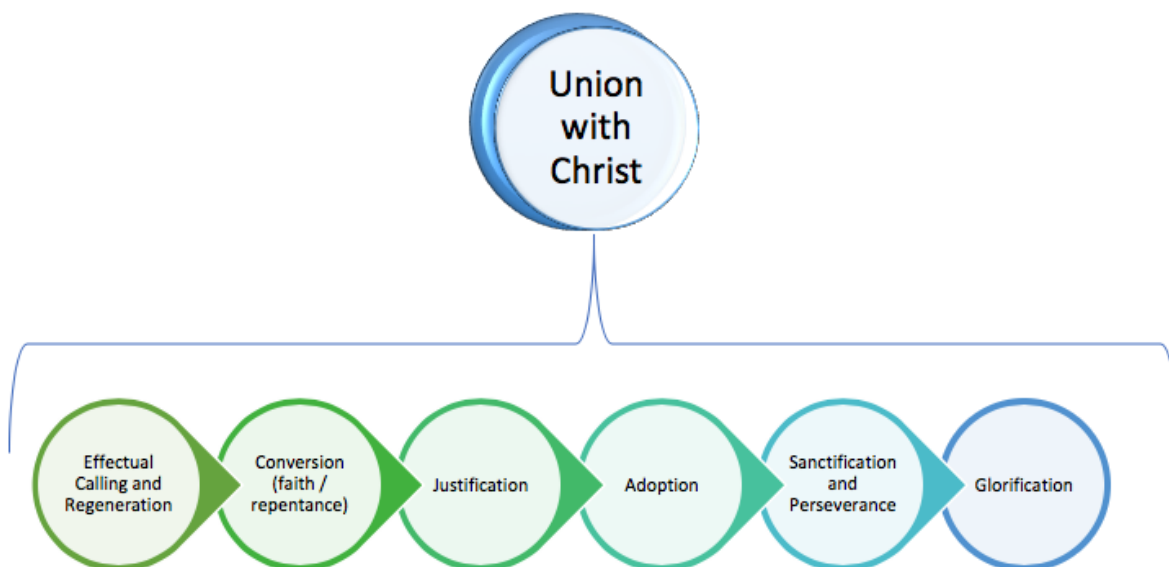
## **The Doctrine of Adoption**

### **Q. 74. What is adoption?**

A. Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children, have his name put upon them, the Spirit of his Son given to them, are under his fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory.

**1 John 3:1** (CSB) Look at how great a love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children.

**John 1:12-13** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.



**Isaiah 49:15-16** Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

**John Owen** If the love of a father will not make a child delight in him, what will?

**Martin Luther** We are not the heirs of some rich and mighty man, but heirs of God, the almighty Creator of all things. If a person could fully appreciate what it means to be a son and heir of God, he would rate the might and wealth of nations small change in comparison with his heavenly inheritance. What is this world to him who has heaven?