

## #7 God's Glory in the Good News of His Benefits of Redemption

### **Question 34:** What is adoption?

Answer: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the Sons of God.

1 John 3:1 - See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. John 1:12 - But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. Romans 8:17 - If children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

### **Question 35:** What is sanctification?

Answer: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 - But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. Ephesians 4:23-24 - And to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Romans 6:4-6 - We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

### **Question 36:** What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

Answer: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Romans 5:1-2, 5 - Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God ... God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 14:17 - For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 1 John 5:13 - I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. Proverbs 4:18 - But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. 1 Peter 1:5 - Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time,

### **Question 37:** What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

Answer: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Hebrews 12:23 - But you have come ... to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect. 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6, 8 - For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed,

we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens ... So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord ... Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. Philippians 1:23 - I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. Luke 23:43 - And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." 1 Thessalonians 4:14 - For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus (NASB) (4) Isaiah 57:1-2 - For the righteous man is taken away from calamity; he enters into peace; they rest in their beds who walk in their uprightness. Job 19:26-27 - And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

**Question 38:** What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

Answer: At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

1 Corinthians 15:43 - It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. - Matthew 25:2 - His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." Matthew 10:32 - So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. 1 John 3:2 - Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 1 Corinthians 13:12 - For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 - For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.