

# THE GIFT OF ADOPTION

John 1.6-13 // April 26, 2020

## REJECTING GOD

From the beginning, God's people knew to expect a Messiah to come and save them. In fact, God even gave His people over 300 prophecies that would point to Jesus being the sent One so that they would not miss Him! So what was the problem?

The Jews were more concerned with their temporary problems, more so than their spiritual and eternal problems. But it wasn't just a matter of them looking for the wrong thing. Their problem was even bigger.

## GOD'S INITIATION

Matthew 16.13-17

Jesus here says about Peter, that "flesh and blood" aren't able to reveal to you that Jesus truly is God, worthy of our worship. We can't simply "see" this on our own, but it must be God who reveals it to us? Why is this the case? Ephesians 2.1-8 gives us a clear reason: spiritually, we are dead and blind. And like how a physically dead man can't see or understand physical things, a spiritually blind man can't see or understand spiritual things. A dead man must be raised, and not by his own power, but by an outside power.

Heaven is not a reward for deserving saints  
But a gift for undeserving sinners.

John 6.63-65

## THE GREATEST GIFT: ADOPTION

**The Judge doesn't just declare us "not guilty,"**  
The Judge also declares us **"adopted."**

Being declared "not guilty" is God's mercy. But being called "adopted" is His grace. We must understand that the day we are adopted, everything changes. Before that, we were not His children. We were orphans. Orphans, even, who were "children of wrath" (Ephesians 2) and "enemies" (Romans 5).

The greatest gift of salvation is adoption.  
-John Calvin



## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 4:7-8

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read John 1.6-13. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read this quote by John Stott: "It is God Himself who in holy wrath needs to be propitiated, God Himself who in holy love undertook to do the [satisfying...He devised the plan] propitiating, and God Himself who in the Person of His Son died for the propitiation of our sins. Thus, God took His own loving initiative to appease His own righteous anger by bearing this anger by His own self in His own Son when He took our place and died for us." How does this quote connect to the truths we see about God's initiation in John 1.6-13, 6.63-65?

### Repent and Ask for Provision

When we take some credit for our salvation or our faith, we are not only trusting in our self-righteousness, but robbing God of His glory. It also causes us to "get on the treadmill" of self-righteous living. In what areas do you "take credit" or "take pride in" that you recognize should be areas that are to be credited to God alone?

### Your Life Mission

Write down some of the ways you reached out to others this past week. Check in on each other on their "quarantine plan" for engaging and encouraging others.

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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