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The adoption of sons

Today adoption authorities are finding it harder and harder to place older children with suitable new parents, prospective parents usually want newborn children so they can feel that they are really their own.

We can really thank our Father that age is no barrier to whom He will adopt, although He wants us newborn – born again. He says, to everyone who asks, they shall receive. He will redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. He hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying Abba Father. And if a son, then a heir with The Son (See Galatians 4:5-7). In whom we have redemption through His blood for the forgiveness of sins according to the riches

of His grace. Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself. That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ both which are in heaven and which are in earth even in Him. To the praise of His glory, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. In whom also after that ye received the down payment of your inheritance, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise (See Ephesians 1:7-13).

You see, our Father is great, He owns heaven and earth and He has room to adopt many more sons and daughters. And He wants YOU.

Pastor Ray Welch, Exeter RF, UK



And I will be a Father unto you

The Lord tells us that He has chosen us to be a peculiar (separated through the Spirit of God) people unto Himself (Deut 14:2). We are told that if we believe then we shall be given the power to become the sons of God (Jn 1:12). God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts (Gal 4:5). For we who have received the Holy Spirit have received the Spirit of Adoption, by which we can be called the sons and daughters of God (Rom 8:15, 2 Cor 6:18).

Christ also said, that He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call us brethren (Heb 2:11). From the time that the Spirit has been bestowed upon us we are known to God as:

Children of God, Heirs of God, Sons of God, Sons of Light.

How amazing to be known to the Almighty by the most familiar titles of sons and daughters and that we may have the privilege through the Spirit of calling Him 'Abba Father' (Rom 8:15).

There are many in this world who do not have this privilege, but through the Spirit that allows us to be called sons, we can tell others that they do not need to be an orphan of this world, but that they too can be a child of the Living God.

ORPHAN? NO, A CHILD OF GOD

When I was slowly passing an orphan home one day,
I stopped there for a moment, just to watch the children play.
Alone a boy was standing, and when I asked him why
He turned with tears that could not see and he began to cry.

'I'm nobody's child, I'm nobody's child,
Just like a flower, I'm growing wild,
No mummy's kisses, no daddy's smiles,
Nobody wants me, I'm nobody's child'.

'People come for children and take them for their own,
They always seem to pass me and I'm left there all alone,
I know they'd like to take me, but when they see I'm blind,
They always take some other child and I am left behind'.

I told him about Jesus and to be born again,
Of water and the Spirit that's how his new life began.
He walks now in the Spirit with the family of God.
And he can see so clearly now that he is a child of God.

And now he says . . .

'I am God's child, I am God's child.
Not like a flower who is growing wild.
No more sorrow and no more tears,
The Lord wants me, I am the Lord's child'.

Re-written by Klaasje Schenk, Holland RF



Seven reasons for the Holy Ghost evidence of speaking in tongues

1. CLARIFICATION

Isaiah 28:11,12 and 40:13, Zephaniah 3:9 – Surely if there is only one true God, then there can only be one true way to follow Him. Even before the Spirit was available for salvation, it was clear what kind of relationship God had in mind.

2. IDENTIFICATION

Acts 2:4,33 and 10:45,46 and 19:6 – The Spirit gives utterance, meaning it gives the ability to 'speak forth'. The external sign of tongues must be evident for it would be a sign to all those who would not believe.

3. UNIFORMICATION

John 3:1-8, Acts 11:14-17 and 15:8,9 – The evidence of tongues was common to all who received the Holy Ghost in the true church. The promise is made to all, for we perceive that God is no respecter of persons.

4. CONFIRMATION

Acts 5:32, Ephesians 1:13 and James 3:1-10 – It is those who have believed, that receive the Spirit. For those who have received, have been made new. A new creature in Christ with a new heart must also have a new tongue, for old things have passed away.

5. COMMUNICATION

John 4:23,24 and 1 Corinthians 12:3 and 14:2 – It is clear that without the Spirit, we cannot rightly call God our Father. Therefore, He desires for people to pray, communicate and give thanks to Him in the Spirit, in tongues.

6. EDIFICATION

Ephesians 4:30, 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:19 and Jude:20 – To pray in tongues, is essential to be built up in the Spirit., that is, to edify oneself.

7. DEMONSTRATION

Acts 8:17-20, 1 Corinthians 14:22, Hebrews 2:1-4 – The tongues of the Spirit is a sure sign to all unbeliever's. An external evidence that cannot be denied.

' . . . contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints' Jude:3



'Dad, what happens to us when we die?'

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The little boy asked with a quizzical eye
A puzzled expression and genuine quest
A need for an answer to help his mind rest.

Dad thought for a while, how best to explain?
The truth, my son, is that man doesn't know
He has no answers, no direction to go
He comforts himself with supposition and guesswork
Clinging to untruths and uncertain promises of earth.

Some say when we die we ascend to the heights
To be with God and His angels and live a new life.
But that's not true.

In misery and anguish and hurt by their grief
They comfort themselves with this man-made belief.

Others believe we are reunited with loved ones
Husband and wives, brothers and sons.
'Together again,' in desperation they cry
'United in death in that home in the sky.'
But that's not true.

Many believe our spirit is reincarnated
Our time on this earth once again reinstated
To have a life over again
Its joys and hopes, misery and pain.
But that's not true.

There are those who believe there is nothing after death
No hope of rebirth, new life or redress
An endless void of emptiness
No spirit, no soul, no hopefulness.
But that's not true.

All this is vain, a desperate need to explain
The fear of the unknown, a soothing of pain.
The truth that they seek is here in God's book
Revealed for all men if they'd just take a look.

As for heaven –

Jesus said, He would go to prepare a place
And return for those who have run the race
That they would be with Him on that final day
When heaven and earth shall pass away.
That is the truth. (John 14:2-3)

As for being reunited –

'The children of this world marry' Jesus said.
But we're no longer of this world when we are dead.
Those accounted worthy, God's promise will obtain
No longer given in marriage, but with angels they will reign.
That is the truth. (Luke 20:34-35)

As for reincarnation –

God offers us new life through spiritual rebirth
And baptism in water, while we live on this earth.
But to be physically reborn for another earthly span
Is not the promise of God or part of His plan.
That is the truth. (Acts 2:38)

As for nothingness –

God's Word clearly tells us that in death we sleep
The miracle of Lazarus awakened from the deep
But those who in life, walked according to God's Word
Awaken from that sleep when the Saviours voice is heard
To rule and reign with Him.
(John 11:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)

But those who in life, have ignored the Saviours call
Disobedient, unrepentant, blindly gambling with all
Knowing not that after sleep God's judgement awaits
For most a second death, eternal torment and pain.
For ultimate life or death lie beyond this mortal place
'Choose life,' search out the truth, and seek God's face.
(Deuteronomy 30:19, Revelation 20:13)

**Poem by
Carolyn Waldron, Exeter RE, UK.**

For us, death is merely falling asleep and waking up in the presence of God



Provoke unto love and good works

‘Quote, Unquote’

*‘Fellowship –
It’s not all about tuition,
but about fruition.*

Marc Waldron, Exeter RF
September 2000

*‘You may not get what you
want when you want it,
but you will get what you
need when you need it’.*

Bob Morley, North London RF
October 2000

*‘He who controls the
present, commands
the future. He that
commands the future,
conquers the past’.*

Jonathan Welch, Exeter RF
October 2000

My Favourite Scripture

‘The wicked flee when no
man pursueth: but the
righteous are bold as a lion’.

Proverbs 28:1

Someone once said to me – ‘Fear knocked at the door, faith opened it and nothing was there’. I realise that fear can certainly hold me back from being who I want to be and more importantly, what God wants me to be. I must come to understand that if God believes in me, then I too must believe in myself, or rather, believe in who He has made me. I am not allowed to be fearful, for it prevents me from inheriting all things (Rev 21:7-8). I must constantly push the boundaries of my human limitations, so that I may press forward with courage and strength. The Master wants us all to have the heart like that of a lion – a heart that does not turn away in fear (Proverbs 30:30). So, let’s be bold, for we have not the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind (2 Tim 1:7). Selah.

Lee Finney, Exeter RF, UK



All that believed were together . . .

I was born again in Spirit through full immersion and spoke in tongues on 15 July 2000. My many great thanks to God the Father Lord Jesus and Holy Spirit for healing me.

I was born allergic and asthmatic. During my childhood my parents had a hard time bringing me up. I wouldn't eat meat. If I did I got chest pain, fever, running nose, stomach pain, back pains, neck face and eye irritation, shortness of breath. Breathing dust pollen of flowers in bloom, getting near animals and birds, wearing clothes made of certain materials such as sheeps wool, changes of weather, eating food cooked in fat, moving from one place to another. Many things caused allergic reactions with my body. Sometimes when I got severe attacks I slept near the fire place and ate only sweet potato. My parents rubbed by back from 6pm to 6am next day with a wet towel. My sister had to sit on my back until such time as she goes off to bed or place a stone weighing 60kg on my back to control pain.

I took a razor blade and cut my self on my forehead where I feel such severe aches. Most times I had diarrhoea and blood on stool with waist and abdomen pains. When I walk long distance or ate plate full of food I run out of breath. Due to this allergic reactions I get severe pneumonia attack most times ending up in big hospitals almost reaching death. I have lived with it and struggled through life until 23 May 2000 where doctors found out through a chest X-ray that my lungs had holes in them with white spots. They couldn't treat me because the hospital had paint which my body was also allergic to. I was sent home with much sympathy but there was nothing I could do but wait for death to come.

I gathered my family, said goodbye to them. I prepared my own grave planted flowers around but

death did not come easily. I was in so much pain. Finally I heard brothers from RF PNG telling me about God's Spirit and salvation through Acts 2:38. I didn't act quickly because I was an anointed preacher and pastor and leader in EBC, COC, AOG and the Nazarene churches in PNG. After seeing that sickness, sin and problems still existed, I decided to try RE.

On the same day, 15 August 2000 at 6pm, after baptism I felt my chest tighten and short of breath. I threw my hand out for ventolin inhaler spray and as I was about to speak the words changed to an unknown tongue. After I spoke in tongues, without treatment I felt a great relaxation in my chest. A great healing miracle, the allergic reactions left me. I started travelling to places, to eat and drink many things I have never tasted.

I now get out my family insurance savings to let Revival and God's Spirit be made known to my fellow brothers and sisters who are dying from disease and problems and couldn't find rest in other churches who proclaimed dead messages with no signs of a lively God. Thank you and God Bless.

(You can write to me on the address below and I will let you know such wonders God is performing with the Holy Ghost in PNG. I express so much of what really happened to me which to man was incurable. Up till now that very great day I was reborn in the Spirit the physical demonstration of the great true Spirit of God who acted upon His own words as I follow the three simple steps: repent, be born again, God took my sins away and gave me His Spirit. I am now a happy Spirit-filled man with my one body and five children.)

Toby Apa, Mt. Waclelm, Simby, PNG RF

Confront your life in the same manner that Jesus confronted His death



. . . and had all things common

My mother was witnessed to 1984, and she was baptised and received the Holy Spirit. About 2 years later my sister and I both received the Holy Spirit on new Years eve in 1986.

Since then the Lord has blessed my life. Through school he helped me and in the last year of school I was blessed with a full time job. Now ten years later I am still in the same job. Healings are always present in my life. Two years I became very ill and couldn't eat anything except fruit and vegetables. I lost about 10 kilo's in one week. The doctor told me that it would last about four weeks, after prayer and one week I was able to eat normally again, Praise the Lord.

**Rachel Baynton, Bundaberg RE,
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Hello. I am 53 years old and my walk with the Lord began early December 1999. Because my girlfriends son came to the Lord in Australia, about one year ago, she became curious as to what he was up to.

We kept receiving good news from him, whereas before, this was very different. In Dordrecht she found a group of happy people and she felt at home straight away. She was baptised straight away. She told me everything and I also wanted to have a look at what she was up to now.

We had been living together for about 5 years but separated last year because things weren't going well. We couldn't let go either, but too many things had happened.

The first day we prayed together, but I decided I didn't want to get baptised. The second time I did do it because I thought it could do no harm, I wouldn't loose anything. I got my baptism certificate and the date stood out 11/12/99, this was my fathers birthday, who had died a few years ago. Strange. Afterwards we prayed and I started to speak in tongues. I had received the Holy Spirit.

I stopped smoking straight away, and also with taking Aspezine. I'd been addicted to medication. Sometimes I would take 10 Aspezines a day. I also think differently now.

What used to be important before, is totally irrelevant now. My girlfriend saw it all happening and said she now saw in me what she'd always been looking for. This year is a leap year and she asked me to marry her, so on 29th February 2000 in Sydney Australia, together with her children, we were married in the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Bob Plugge, Holland RE.



Forsake not the Fellowship

NOVEMBER

Saturday 04 and Sunday 5th
CONVENTION, Richmond, Nth London.

Saturday 11 – Activity (E)

Saturday 18 – FREE

Saturday 25 – Activity (P)

DECEMBER

Saturday 02 – FREE

Saturday 09 – Outreach (E)

Saturday 16 – FREE

Saturday 23 – Outreach (E)

23 – 30 – XMAS CAMP

Saturday 30 – Fellowship (E)

Sunday 31 – New Year's Eve (E)

For the activities and meetings between the 10th November and the 12th December, please contact Marc Waldron as Pastor Ray Welch is away. Thank you.

Revival Meetings in the South West (UK)

SUNDAYS at 2.00PM & 5.00PM

Clyst St. George Village Hall, Clyst St. George, Exeter, Devon.

(Nearest Bus Route : No.57. Alight at the roundabout of Bridge Hill and A376 Exmouth Road)

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