

# *The Gospel Herald*

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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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## *Spiritual Adoption*

*“Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself,  
according to the good pleasure of his will,  
To the praise of the glory of his grace,  
wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”*

*Eph.1: 5-6*

*Dear beloved in Christ by God’s free and sovereign grace, often I have been challenged by many attempting to refute the fact that God has chosen out of the depraved ruin of mankind whom God causes man to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ apart from any effort of the creature.*

*Those which have been blinded to the divine revelation of Gods elective and predestined love towards the heirs of grace cannot flee from the freewill and free choice of man when it comes to trusting in Christ divine advocacy. Unless a man be revealed the absolute sovereignty of God and his divine purposes, they shall never be free from the bondage of “The freewill mindset.”*

*I often ask, “What part does an infant being adopted by it’s new parents play in the adoption process”? Does the new born or infant child chose its parents? Does it have any choice in the adoption process?*

*May we consider the above-referenced scriptures together as we observe the additional following verses:*

*“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” (Rom. 8:15).*

*“And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (II Corin. 6:18).*

*“For ye are all the children of God by faith (fruit of the Spirit) in Christ Jesus”  
(Gala. 3:26).*

*“To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.  
And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth His Spirit of his Son into your hearts,  
crying, Abba, Father” (Gala. 4:5-6).*

*After a careful examination of the subject of spiritual adoption, one is hard-pressed to  
escape the fact that God has decreed to choose, elect, call, ordain, predestinate, and  
appoint a remnant of mankind to be the heirs of Gods sovereign love and free grace.  
Writings such as by Luther, “The Bondage of the Will” and Spurgeon’s “Freewill a  
Slave” have been a delight to read and study the subject matter. For the scriptures are  
well dissected in regard to the matter of man’s will and its depraved limitations.  
Jesus had declared, “And ye will not come unto me; that ye might have life”  
(John 5:40).*

*Man, by nature, cannot come to Christ because they are spiritually dead, blind, and  
deaf and must be Born Again in order to enter and to see the kingdom of God  
(John 3: 3-5).*

*Praise be to our sovereign Lord and Savior that has divinely determined to adopt a  
remnant of mankind unto himself causing them to come when they are called by the  
Good Shepherd, for they shall ONLY hear the voice of the Good Shepherd  
(John 10:27).*

*Respectfully submitted, giving all praise to Christ my Savior*