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I Am Adopted

I watched a video recently of a boy opening a gift, and it reminded me of God. As the boy opened the gift and realized what it was, emotion rolled over him. His shoulders dropped, his eyes filled up with tears, and he hugged his new mom and dad. He had been adopted. He held tightly in his hands ordinary paper with a message that changed his life. He would no longer be a child of the system or bounce from foster home to foster home. Nor would he go to sleep each night with uncertainty, longing anxiously to have what other children have—parental love and stability.

Belonging and being loved are fundamental human desires. These are two things that children in the system want most. When a family finally says, “We love you and want you, just as if you were born to us.” What joy and peace. That trust can begin to be repaired. A child that felt like nobody wanted them can begin to have the security that everything will truly be okay, my mom and dad love me.

Belonging and being loved are fundamental human desires that God has fulfilled in His relationship with us. This is how it is described in Romans 8:14-17, “For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.”

We who are being led by the Spirit have been adopted by God out of sin into coheirship with Christ the Son. That is to say, that the revelation of the Spirit of God in the Bible is the guiding and ruling authority in our lives. We have a relation with God that allows us to cry out, “Father, Father,” just as Christ did in the garden that night of anguish (Mark 14:36). When we put on Christ in baptism (Gal. 3:27), we begin to look like Him. We are given new clothes (Rev. 3:5). We are given a new name (Rev. 3:12). In every aspect of our lives, we are to imitate our Father, “as beloved children” (Eph. 5:1). You are loved and belong to Him.

The next time you pick up the Bible, remember that you are holding your adoption papers—the message that can change your life no matter what your past was or where you come from. Remember also, “He who is faithful has promised,” and everything He has promised will come to pass (Heb. 10:23; 1 Thess. 5:24) You can rest at the end of the day knowing truly everything will be okay, your Heavenly Father loves you. He will never leave you nor forsake you (Heb. 13:5).

Josh Blackmer (Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ)

“God sent his Son...that we might receive adoption to sonship.”

We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ

*Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ*



The psalmist wrote: “O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth” (Psalm 65:5, NRSV). As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us reach out to the One who give hope and let us greet one another in Christian love. Welcome all!

Prayer Requests:

Church family:

Pray for Jim Scott as he recovers from hip surgery and has been in Rechie Canyon Rehab Center. Jim is expected to be released soon and will be staying at his son’s home; for Wanda Goodenough who recently suffered a minor stroke; for Lucy McDonald as she continues to recover from multiple surgeries and Hilma Curlee who recently suffered another stroke. Continue to pray for the improved health of Ray Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry & Camelia Munn, Francis Pati, Lorenzo Serrano, Joyce Winings and James Brannon.

Family & Friends:

Please pray for: Delores Jensen’s brother Len who suffered a heart attack last week; for Michelle’s brother and niece as they mourn the loss of wife/mother Jullie; Keith Britton as he continues to recover from a recent a stroke and Marjorie Counts as she adjusts to her new home in Colorado. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Marjorie Counts, Brenda’s son Uriah, Kathy’s husband Kevin Ferrell, Brianna Ferrell, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Marjorie’s daughter-in-law Nanette; Dail’s friend Marie, Keith & Lisa Britton, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

Military:

Jeff & Michelle Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusinbury, Jodi Keeth’s brother-in-law Tony Cairo, T. Burgess and Glen Fields.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Heavenly Father, help me to be a good friend to those who are hurting. Thank You that You promise to be near to those who are suffering and provide encouragement through Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Power For Today: Lisa Samra; June 2018

Read: Job 2:7-13

News:

Food Bank: As we continue to assist our local food bank, your help is needed! Please see the bulletin board for a list of frequently needed items. God Bless You and thank you for your generosity, it is truly appreciated.

Congregational Potluck: Our first potluck of this year will be on November 3rd following worship service. What to bring: A-L bring a small main dish and a side dish or salad and M-Z bring a small main dish and a dessert.

VOLUNTEERING COMES FROM THE HEART

While you were gone.....

Bathrooms were cleaned, carpets were vacuumed, baptistery was prepared, communion was prepared and cleaned up, trash was emptied, floors were mopped, tables were prepared for potluck/fellowship, service presentation was prepared, and Sunday morning adult class lesson preparation.

Up Coming Events
Mark Your Calendars

“Sunday Sundown”

At 5:00 p.m. in the house
(Except the first Sunday of the month)

Wednesday Evening Bible Class

6:00 p.m. in the house

Ladies Bible Class

Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the house

Trustees and Congregational Business Meeting

November 10th at 12:45 p.m. in the house



Birthdays:

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| Mario Fuentes: | 10/1 |
| Lorenzo Serrano: | 10/2 |
| Leo Goodenough: | 10/12 |
| Camelia Munn: | 10/22 |

WORSHIP ORDER 2019.10.20

522 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v 1,2)

WELCOME

595 I Come to the Garden Alone (v 1,2)

PRAYER

922 Jesus Paid It All (v 1,2)

COMMUNION

OFFERING

754 Faith of Our Fathers (v 1)

INTERVALO - INTERLUDE

586 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (v 1,2)

PRAYER

560 Living By Faith (v 1,3)

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

415 Each Step I Take (v 1,2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

705 A Common Love



In Search of the Lord’s Way

Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon.