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THE DOCTRINE OF ADOPTION

Definition of God - He is spirit, holy, triune, invisible, intelligent, infinite, eternal, personal, sovereign, source, support and destiny of all that is, indefinable, though revealed, unconfined though possessed and incomprehensible though known, the only eternal deity of the universe.. The creature is finite and the creator is infinite. That which is infinite cannot be confined by that which is finite.

FOUR DIVISIONS OF ADOPTION:

1. **FOREKNOWLEDGE** - the manifest function of God's omniscience during time and space. It embraces perfect knowledge of all things and actions, the exercise of all freedom of choice and the results whether by angels, men or demons, both in heaven and on earth, from the beginning to the end. Rom..8:28,29 -- Rom. 11:2 -- Acts 2:23 - -Peter 1:2
2. **ELECTION** the exercise of God's sovereign freedom of choice in His creation, to choose whom and what He pleases for whatsoever He pleases, by whatsoever means He pleases. . . Election is God's eternal and immutable decree to choose men who He will save, providing the source of their salvation in Grace through Jesus Christ. He also chooses the means by which they shall be placed in His family.

His choice includes: 1. Those who are to be saved

2. The means of their salvation in Christ
3. The redeeming activity of the Holy Spirit
4. The result of the implantation of Christ's righteous nature
5. The destiny of eternal fellowship with God.

Source of our Election - In God Himself — John 6:37,44 - John 15:16,19 - Eph. 1:4,5
(purpose of eLection)

Position of election — In Christ — Eph. 1:3,4

3. **PURPOSE** signifies that in eternity the Godhead planned to give men access to the riches of His Grace in the Son, and determined to bring it to pass....History is the unfolding of God's eternal purpose!!! - Eph. 1:5 — Eph. 3:11 - - Rom. 9:11 — II Tim. 1:9
4. **PREDESTINATION** the will of God in action, whereby that which God purposed in Christ before the world was, is brought to pass.. . the act of God determining before the foundation of the world that every believer in His Son, Jesus Christ, shall be placed as an adult son in his family with all of His eternal benefits. "to mark off before" — Rom. 8:28, 29 — Eph. 1:5 — Eph. 1:11 — Phil. 2:13 — Acts 15:18

PROPER SEQUENCE OF THESE DOCTRINES:

- I Pet. 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God therefore I know that foreknowledge precedes election
- Rom. 9:11 Purpose according to the election therefore I know that election precedes purpose
- Eph. 1:11 Predestinated according to purpose therefore I know that purpose preceded predestination

DEFINITION OF ADOPTION the gracious act of God whereby members of once alienated humanity are given place in the household of Christ, as acceptable and recognizable sons.... "The placing of a son" Gal. 4:5-7 Rom. 8:15 - John 1:12, 13 - Gal. 4:1-7

Timing - Eph. 1:4, 5 - Rom. 9:11 - Rom. 11:5, 6 - I John 3:2 - Gal. 3:26 - Rom. 8:23 - I John 3:1-3

Result of adoption - Father's love - John 17:20-23
Father's care - Luke 12: 27-33
Father's chastisement - Heb. 12:5-11
Father's comfort — John 16:33 — Isa. 66:13 — II Cor. 1; 3, 4
Father's inheritance — I Peter 1:3, 5 — Ran. 8:16, 17

Privileges of Adoption - Family name - Phil. 2:9 - Eph. 3:14, 15 - I John 3:1
Family likeness - II Cor. 5:17 — II Pet.. 1:4 — Ran. 8:29
Family love - I John 3:14 - John 13:34
Family relationship - Rom. 8:15 - Gal. 4.6
Family service - John 14:23, 24 - John 15:8

Evidences of Adoption - Led by the Spirit of God - Ran. 8:4 – Gal. 5:18
Child-like confidence - Gal. 4:4-6
Free access to the Father - Rom. 5:1, 2 - Eph. 3:12 - Heb. 4:14-16
Love for one another — I John 2:9-11 - I John 5:1-3 - John 15:4, 5

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