

SERMON NOTES

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Adoption and the Grand Story of Redemption

(James 1:27)

Introduction: Two Challenges

1. *The Staggering Task Before Us*
2. *Our Own State of Mind*

I. Adoption Showcases God's Saving Activity

- A. We were _____ for Adoption before God created the universe (Eph 1:4-5).
- B. God's work of redemption began to unfold with the adoption of _____ (Romans 9:4).
- C. We became _____ for adoption through God's Son (Galatians 4:4-5).
- D. We are awaiting the _____ of our adoption (Romans 8:23).

II. Our Own Adoption Makes Us Long for the Consummation of God's Redemptive Purposes

(Gal. 1:6; Rom. 8:15; Mark 24:36)

Those who are _____ for and are _____ of that great day are people who are willing to _____ their lives out in service to our world's most _____.

III. The Realization of Our Adoption Empowers Us to Practice True Religion

What can we do?

- Pray
- Speak up
- Provide
- Support
- Protect
- Visit
- Give
- Encourage
- Adopt
- Mobilize