

# ADOPTED

## Janesville Apostolic Ministries

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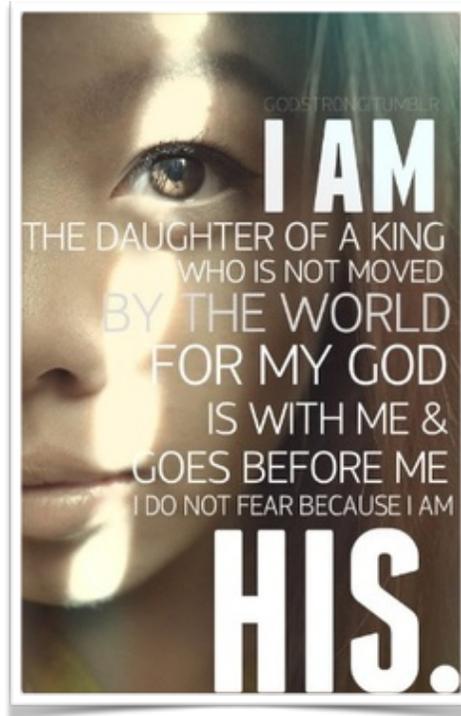
Have you ever had a stray cat come to your door? What did you do? Did you feed it, give it water and a warm place to stay?

Or have you ever had a pet? Did it become part of your family?

### A New Family

When we are adopted by God we enjoy new privileges

1. Legal Rights - Under Roman law, if you were an adopted son, you had identical legal rights to a son born naturally in the family. An adopted son had the right to the family name of the person who adopted him and the right to an inheritance of the father's property.
2. We have a new Father - God is NOT a Dead-beat Dad. He provides for His Children. He is present with his kids - always.
3. We are forgiven and loved. We have been bought back - by Jesus. He paid the price for our sin. God is not mad at us. God forgives us and loves us and wants us to come to Him - with everything.

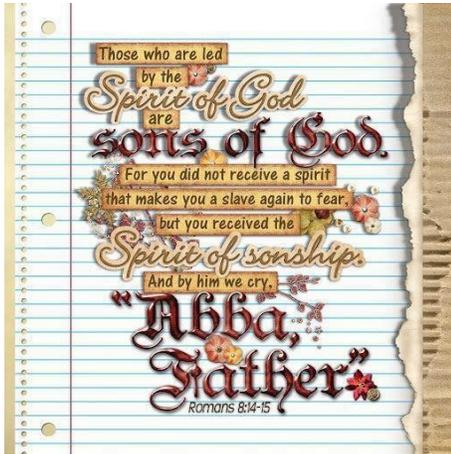


### God's Word

"Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is

what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding." (Ephesians 1:4-8 NLT)

"Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had.



## Pass It On

How can you help your friends know that God wants to adopt them too?

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## Let's Pray

Dear Lord,

Thank you for Calvary. Thank you for making a way for us to be close to Daddy God. Thank you that because of your sacrifice we are adopted as sons and daughters into God's family.

As Princes and Princesses in the Royal Kingdom help us to raise our heads and bring your love to more of your kids Daddy, in Jesus Name.

They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir." (Galatians 4: 1-7 NLT)

"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure." (1 John 3:1-3 NLT)

