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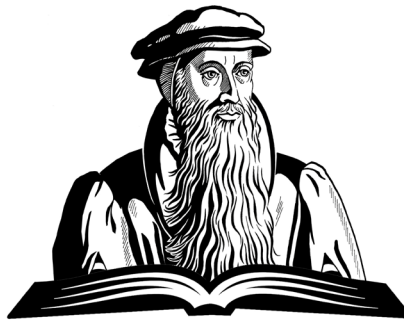
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Catechism Question 34



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ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #25

Adoption

Memorization

Question 34: *What is adoption?*

Answer: *Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: another great blessing.
2. The absence of adoption.
3. The blessings of adoption.
4. The cause of adoption.
4. Applications.

Literal Study

1. Define these terms as they are used in the lecture:

a) Adoption _____

b) Number _____

2. Paraphrase the answer to Question #34, or put it into your own words.

Lecture Checkup

1. Please explain what is meant in this lecture by the “absence of adoption.”

2. How does the Bible describe those who are without Christ?

3. What are the blessings for those who trust Christ?

4. In John 1, verse 12, what does it mean when it says “the power to become the sons of God”?

5. What are the privileges that belong to the children of God?

6. What does the word “heir” mean? In Romans 8, verse 17, what’s the meaning of the phrase, “joint-heirs with Christ”? How does it express the truth of adoption?

7. When the *Catechism* says “an act of God’s free grace,” what are the implications for adoption?

8. Is adoption into God's family a of gradual process? Can the state of adoption in Christ be changed over time? Please explain.

9. What two main blessings come as soon as the sinner trusts in Christ?

10. Is it possible for the feelings of a believer change their state of adoption?

Further Studies

1. How many ways may we be said to be the children of God?

2. Are all the children of men the adopted children of God?

Practical Application

1. Read Luke chapter 15 and meditate on the parable of the prodigal son. What truths can you glean from this passage about the privileges of adoption into God's family?

2. What is your spiritual condition? Are you refusing Christ or trusting in Christ? What are your thoughts when you consider the state of adoption into God's family?

Project Ideas

What does the Old Testament say about the truth of adoption into God's family. Please collect some text to support your answer.
