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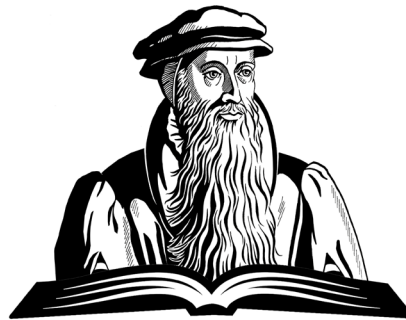
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Catechism Question 34



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YOUTH 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.

Basic Questions About Questions 34

1. What does the word "adoption" mean as it is used in this lecture?

2. What does the word "number" mean as it is used in this lecture?

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

Bible Study Questions

(Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)

1. *Those who are without Christ are dead in sins.*

Ephesians 2:1–3 _____

John 8:44 _____

2. *Those who trust Christ are adopted into God’s family.*

John 1:12 _____

Matthew 7:11 _____

Romans 8:16–17 _____

3. *Adoption is by God’s free grace.*

1 John 3:1 _____

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?

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?
