

Adopted into His family

Selected verses in Ephesians 1, page 946

I. BELIEVERS IN CHRIST ARE FOREVER CONNECTED TO CHRIST (EPHESIANS 1:3-8).

A. *Adopted in love* – God chose to adopt you through Christ (3-6)

1. We have been given every spiritual blessing “in Christ.” (3).
2. We were chosen “in Christ” before creation to be holy (4).
 - 2 Timothy 1:9; John 6:37, 44; Acts 13:48, 2 Thess. 2:13
3. We were adopted “through Christ” because He loves us and so that God would be praised for His grace (5-6).

B. *Redeemed by grace* – God saved us by grace through Jesus Christ’s death on the cross (7-8).

- Romans 3:24, 26; Colossians 1:13-14; Hebrews 9:22

II. WE ARE CONNECTED TO CHRIST AS SOON AS WE PLACE OUR FAITH IN CHRIST (EPHESIANS 1:13-14).

A. *Included* – We are included in Christ when we hear the gospel message and believe – placing our faith in Christ alone (1:13).

B. *Sealed* – When we believe, we are secured by the indwelling Holy Spirit forever so that God is praised for His grace (1:14).