*“Adopted”*

Ephesians 1:4-6

**Intro: The seven specific blessings that God has given to us are**:

1. He chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. **(vs. 4)**
2. He adopted us as sons through His Son Jesus Christ. **(vs. 5)**
3. We have redemption and forgiveness through the blood of Christ. **(vs. 7)**
4. He made know to us the mystery of His wisdom and understanding. **(vs. 8-9)**
5. We were chosen to be living examples that would bring praise and glory to Him. **(vs. 11-12)**
6. We were included in Christ when we heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation. **(vs. 13)**
7. We were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. That's come into our lives. **(vs. 13-14)**

Last week we considered the first of those blessings…

**Blessing #1:** *God chose us to be holy and blameless*.

That's who we are… *Holy and blameless and whole*.

God’s *spiritual perspective* is the truth about us. God’s perspective on us is what should set the truth about us. And God’s perspective is He says, “*I chose you*.” If you’re a believer *in* Jesus Christ, the blessing you have *in*-Christ was set before the foundation of the world**!**

Among them**:** You’re holy and you’re blameless, you’re whole, you’re separate and distinct, a person fit to offer their lives to Jesus Christ and to God.

**Blessing #2:** ***Adopted*!** (**Ephesians 1:5-6)**

**Application:**