

WELCOME TO THE SECURE FAMILY

Romans 8:14-25

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In his book “Adopted For Life,” Russell Moore describes journeying to the former Soviet Union to adopt two one-year old boys pre-selected by the government for he and his wife, Maria, to adopt.

As they walked into the orphanage the stench was overwhelming. With the smell of human waste and vomit thick in the air, they were led to the boys, both in their cribs, laying in filth. The place was unbelievably dark and oppressive, but Maxim and Sergei had known nothing else. This was life. The two were enslaved within a horrific de-humanizing system.

But Russell and Maria fell in love....

As you consider your own place within God’s family, my prayer this morning is that you would clearly understand that Christ, in journeying to a filthy place, secured your adoption. He paid the price on the cross, so that you may call God the Father...Daddy.

Know that you can have absolute security in this truth. Let’s consider how.

All who **believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation are **adopted** into God's family (Romans 8:1-2, 14).

Adoption = The transfer of those who were alienated through sin, into **legal** and permanent **heirs** of God's eternal glory.

Our adoption was **planned** (Psalm 139:13-18; John 6:44; John 17:24).

Our adoption is **personal** (Romans 8:15-17; Ezekiel 16:1-6).

Our adoption is **permanent** (Ephesians 1:13-14; Hebrews 4:12-16).

Our adoption produces **perseverance** (Romans 8:22-25; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Remember:

God desires you to be **absolutely** secure in your **status** as a family member. If you **believe**, you are **secure** (Romans 8:38-39).

QUESTIONS

- ✓ Does the reality of adoption into God's family give you hope?
- ✓ If you are lacking that hope, will you seek wise counsel? Will you seek help?
- ✓ Will you live today and forward remembering daily your security as an adopted child of God?

