

Want to be Adopted?  
(Holly White Roddam)

*“You have been adopted into the very family circle of God and you can say with a full heart, Abba, my Father” (Romans 8:15b JB Phillips).*

I was fortunate to grow up in a home with both my mother and father. Although it started out kind of rough for them, my dad was black, and my mom is white. They hung in there through prejudice against them, and made it work! That was unusual 60 years ago. That they stayed together has been a real gift and glowing example to me when things get rough in my own marriage.

As great as my parents were, though, there was always something in me that wanted to be adopted! There was something glamorous about it in my mind. I remember searching the attic for “adoption papers” to prove I was adopted. There were none ID’s

I realize a lot of people don’t know the security of seeing parents walking through the good and the bad for over 50 years, and actually fulfill their vows of, “till death do us part.” But one of the greatest joys of my heart has been to see friends and strangers come to know the love of our Heavenly Father who will never leave them nor forsake them, who promised to be there for eternity.

It turns out I was adopted after all! Because God loves us so much that He sent his son, Jesus, to make a way that we could be adopted into his family. When I believed that Jesus was God’s son, the Heavenly Father adopted me. “He came into the world – the world He had created – and the world failed to recognize him. He came into his own creation, and his own people would not accept him. Yet wherever men did accept him he gave them the power to become sons of God. These were the men who truly believed in him, and their birth depended not on the course of nature nor on any impulse or plan of man, but on God” (John 1:11, 12 JB Phillips).

Have you ever wanted to be adopted into a caring family and know the security of a loving father who wants only the best for you? Well, Jesus made a way for you, just like he did for me. You don’t have to have your life altogether or be perfect to be part of God’s family. Jesus came to seek and save the lost and orphaned.

Through accepting the gift that Jesus bought for you on the cross, you can know the love of the heavenly father, who formed and created you, and has an amazing plan for your life, to prosper and bless you. It’s as simple as asking to be adopted in believing that Jesus has paid the price for your adoption. Why not join His family today and discover that you have many brothers and sisters, and all because of Christ.

Oh, and Happy Father’s Day!