

BEYOND SUNDAY

FAITH: ADOPTED BY GOD

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RECAP

Today we continue studying the five points of grace using the helpful acronym, FAITH, which stands for: **F**allen Humanity, **A**dopted by God, **I**ntentional Atonement, **T**ransformed by the Holy Spirit, and **H**eld By God. This week, we're studying Adopted by God. Ephesians 1:3-12 teaches us that God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world! God planned our adoption as His children through Jesus Christ. The question we should ask, is, why? Why did God choose us? Why didn't he condemn everyone to what we deserve: death? The answer we are given is that it pleased God to do so. And because he was pleased to lavish on us His love and grace, he did it. He poured out his incredible mercy, love, forgiveness, and grace. He gives and gives, He is extravagant in his giving! What God decides to do, he does. You are reading this blog because God wants you to know that He has chosen you. He wants you to know that His Son, Jesus, paid for all the things you've ever done wrong. The debt is paid. Do you know this? Do you trust this? Those who do have the assurance that they belong to God!

ICYMI: [Watch Sermon Online](#)

READINGS

Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me. Psalm 119:105 NIV

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ephesians 1:3-12	Deuteronomy 7:6-8	Psalm 33:12	2 Thessalonians 2:13	2 Peter 1:10	Acts 13	John 6:35-40

Questions to think about as you read:

1. Have you been adopted, or do you know someone who has been adopted? Have you adopted a child? How does it feel to adopt a child? To be adopted?
2. What is the process of adoption? Does the child choose his or her parents or vice versa?
3. What are some good motives for adoption?
4. Why do you think God wants to bring us into his family?
5. What can we do to make sure God selects us?

For Families:

Use the frame template on the next page to each draw a self-portrait and to remind us we have all been adopted by God.

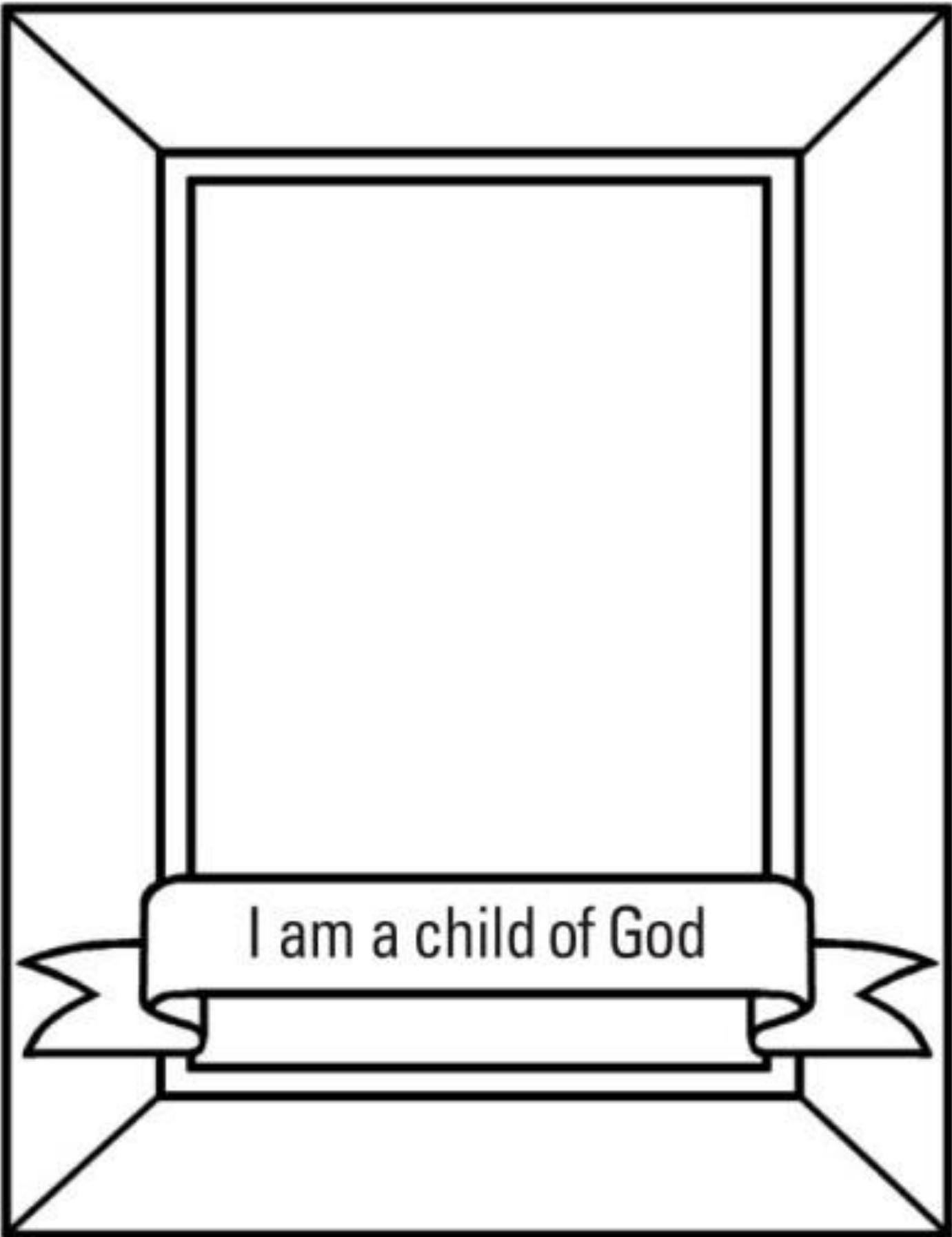
RESOURCES

Read the [second main point of doctrine](#) as explained in the Canons of Dort:

Rewatch the [adoption video](#) as shown on Sunday. What feelings does this evoke, and how does it relate to our relationship with God?

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I am a child of God