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## Adoption & the Gospel

- God has always had a heart for the fatherless...
  - Deut (fatherless, widows and sojourners on repeat)
  - Psalms (Father to the fatherless, helper, cares for)
- Adoption is the heartbeat of the Gospel
  - Eph 2... We were separated from Christ; alienated from the promises; having no hope; without God
  - James 1:27... Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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Ephesians 1:3-14...

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

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<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight<sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of

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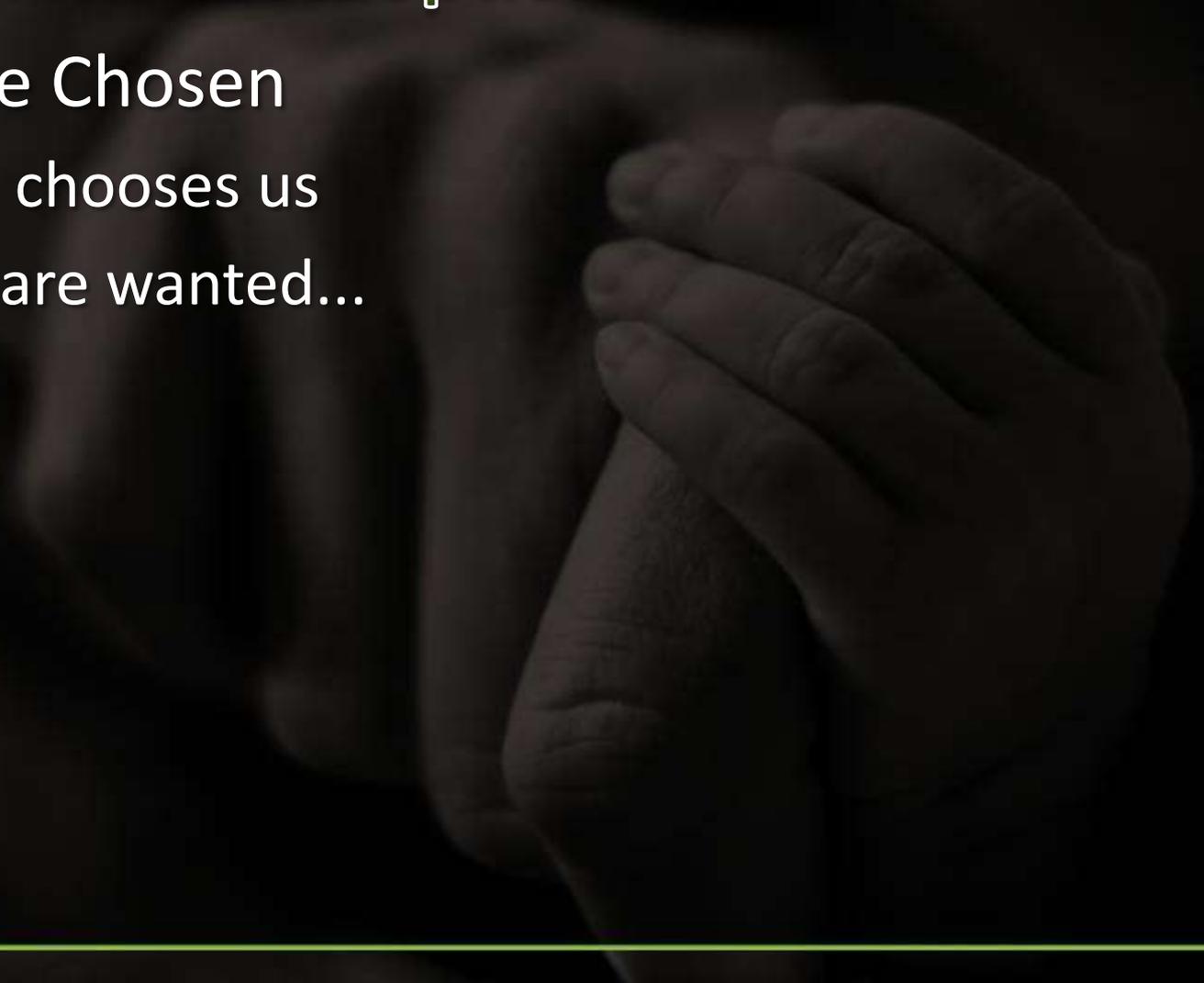
him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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## Implications of Adoption

### 1. We are Chosen

- God chooses us
- You are wanted...



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## Implications of Adoption

1. We are Chosen

2. We are Loved

- God's motivation for adopting us is love
- God does not "tolerate" us, but rather takes great pleasure in us... "I chose you, I delight in you, I take great pleasure in you"

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## Implications of Adoption

1. We are Chosen
2. We are Loved
3. We are Part of His Redemptive Plan
  - God's purpose in our adoption is to redeem us
  - Jesus paid the ultimate price for us
  - We are forgiven and made new
  - The cross does not only point to forgiveness but also to our adoption

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## Galatians 4:4-7...

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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**Acts 17:24-27...** <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us

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  - He makes us his children (children are a blessing)
  - He desires his redemptive plan to be seen in how we treat one another

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5. We are Heirs
  - We have received the Holy Spirit
  - One day we will be with him in glory

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## Why Christians Love Adoption

1. We want to be like our Dad
2. We are compelled by love
3. We are participants in His Redemptive Plan
4. We are building a family
5. We understand that the purposes of God trump the earthly desires and empty pursuits of this very short life



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