

## “Awesome Adoption”



Message by  
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delivered “live” at the  
May 2 coffeehouse.

At the coffeehouse each month, for near 13 years, Founder & Director Drew Crandall listens to the music and the message of the guest performer(s) and shares a spontaneous Gospel message based on the content. On May 5, True Witness shared a testimony about biological adoption. Drew was inspired to then share the evening's Gospel message based on spiritual adoption.

“Adoption means the legal act of investing with sonship or daughtership. Galatians 4:4-7 says, *‘But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.’*”

As True Witness mentioned, we're all born misfits, unworthy of God's love, unworthy of heaven. *‘For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.’* It's impossible to buy our way into His family. It's impossible to earn our way into His family. Impossible means NOT possible. You and I, in our own sinful nature, are un-adoptable. *But God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.* By placing your faith in Christ, you can be adopted into God's family ONCE AND FOR ALL. *For by grace are ye saved, through faith and not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.*

We're within two blocks of two courthouses where legal acts are made. But tonight, I would suggest to you that this room is God's Courthouse, and if you have never been adopted into His family—if your soul has never been legally transferred into the Family of the Judge of the Universe—you can stand before Him tonight and make things Right. You can be adopted into God's family right now. Please pray with me, *‘Dear Lord, I confess that I'm dysfunctional and imperfect. I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins, that you were buried, and three days later you rose again. Jesus, I call out to you to be merciful to me, to forgive me of my sins, and to grant me legal adoption into Your family. Amen.’*

If you've been adopted, do you remember the joy you experienced the moment you were adopted? Having been adopted, do you now feel unworthy of His adoption? Friend, your works could never earn your salvation. You were 100% adopted by God's Grace alone. And nothing you can do or not do can earn you to keep your salvation. 2 Corinthians 1:22 says we are sealed by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Adoption. Don't let your feelings of inadequacy—or Satan—rob you of the awesome joy of your adoption.

There is a false gospel going around that says you can lose your salvation. Friend, once you have been born again you cannot be unborn. No more than you can go back in time, climb back into your mom's womb, back to when the sperm fertilized the egg, and undo your physical birth. You can grieve the Holy Spirit, but there is no power in the universe that can kick out the Holy Spirit. **If you're adopted, you're adopted for life and for eternity. Praise God!”**