

Daily Devotion For August 20, 2021

⁵ he^[b] predestined us for **adoption to sonship**^[c] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his **pleasure and will.**" Ephesians 1:5

Today is Sherry's "Gotcha Day". It was on August 20, 1998 that Kazuko and I took Sherry to the Burbank City Courthouse and "officially" **adopted** Sherry into our hearts and lives. Sherry has always been the joy of Kazuko and our lives and it was such a blessed day when we first met her on June 22, 1996 as a two and a half month baby.

When we brought Sherry into our lives, we didn't say, "Sherry, because you are not ours by birth you are not going to get our whole hearts and love." No, as our daughter by **adoption** she has all the rights and privileges as if she were ours by birth. In the same way, we are **adopted** into God's family. And with that all the rights, privileges as God's true children. As believers we have a wonderful inheritance in the kingdom of heaven in which we receive every spiritual blessing in heaven.

As I mentioned in my message on Sunday, before a day existed, God chose to adopt us into his own family through faith in Christ. Ephesians 1:5 tells us that it gave him great pleasure.

Thought For Today: Reflect on what it means that we are **adopted** in God's Family. Can you think of the spiritual blessings that you received when you accepted Christ? Take time to thank God for those blessings today.

Today's Prayer Focus: Continue to pray that the growing number of fires here on the central coast will be brought under control and that lives and structures will be protected. Continue to add this week's prayer fuel to your daily prayers. Deo Volente.