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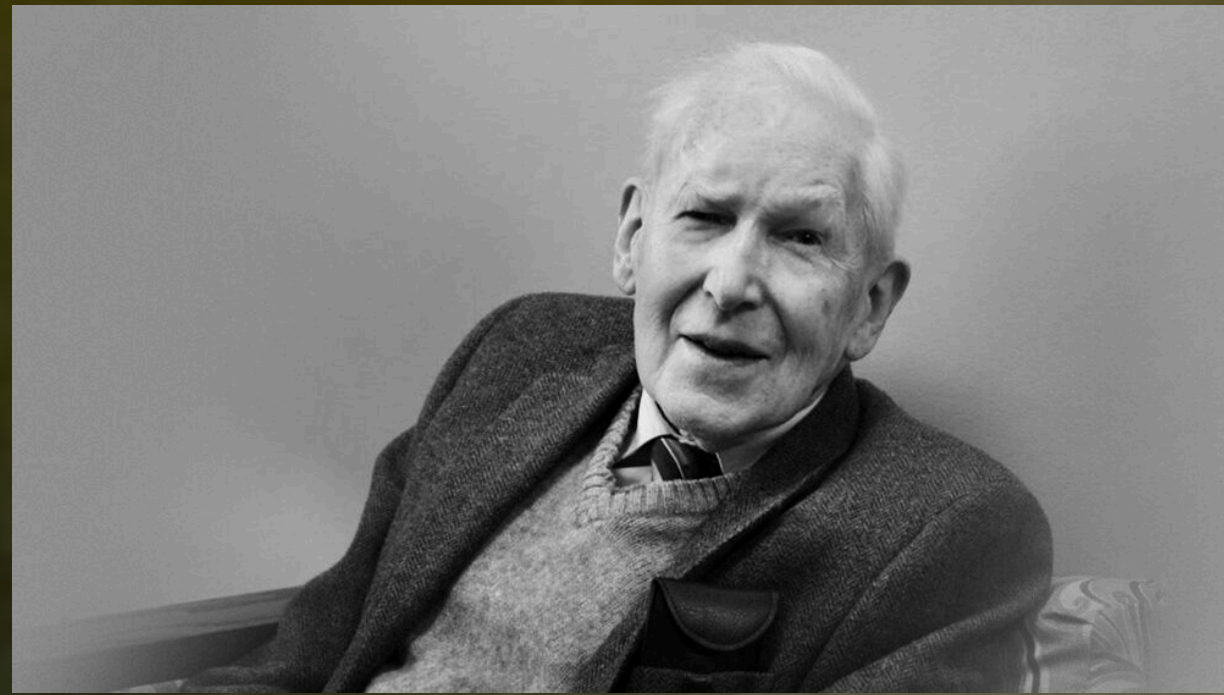
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J.I. Packer

“Our understanding of Christianity cannot be better than our grasp of adoption...Adoption is the highest privilege that the gospel offers.”

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He doesn't say we won't sin again. He doesn't say we won't struggle. He doesn't say we won't be hurt. He doesn't say we are not affected by the things in our past. He doesn't say we won't experience suffering.

He says, "You're in. It is done.
Your place in the family is secure."

What good is the family today?

In the family of God, you are given...

- **a new mind**
- **a new work**
- **a new freedom**
- **a new name**

#1 You are given a new mind

“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.”

Colossians 3:1-4 NLT

What Paul is saying here is **NOT** to look to the heavens neglecting the world and its need, neglecting your heart and its needs.

What Paul **IS** saying here is to have a heavenly mindset as you enter into the things of this world and the challenges of your life.

Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give insight into all this.

2 Timothy 2:7 NIV

“God’s promises of guidance were not given to us to save us the problem of thinking.”



John Stott

#2 You are given a new work

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT



Rankin Wilbourne

“This doesn’t mean you stop working, but it does mean you now work in a totally new way. You no longer work *for* approval; you work *from* approval.”

#3 You are given a new freedom



“So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust and evil desires...now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander and dirty language.”

Colossians 3:5-8 NLT

In God's family, our freedom doesn't look like the freedom of the world or the freedom of our nation. Our freedom comes with love's boundaries because our loving Father has our best in his mind. Real freedom is living into our design, not trying to force the design of a sinful and broken world into a Christ-shaped body.

“Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as member of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

Colossians 3:12-15 NLT

#4 You are given a new name

Your new name in Christ?

Adopted. Son. Daughter. Part of the family.

“The church itself is not made up of natural “friends.” It is made up of natural enemies. What binds us together is not common education, common race, common income levels, common politics, common nationality, common accents, common jobs or anything of the sort. Christians come together...because they have been saved by Jesus Christ... In this light, they are a band of natural enemies who love one another for Jesus’ sake.”



D.A Carson

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