

Devotional for Each Day of the Week

Sunday: “My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.”—Psalm 57:7. **Pray** that we would be able to worship God in a sincere way. **Pray** for spiritual revival in the new year.

Monday: “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”—Colossians 3:17. **Pray** that you would be able to do everything for God’s glory. **Pray** for Christian Witness to Israel, an organization now in its 175th year; **pray** for the incoming of the Jews into the kingdom, and for the fullness of the Gentiles.

Tuesday: “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”—Colossians 3:18. **Pray** that the wives in our fellowship would be given the grace to submit to their husbands. **Pray** for a good and safe journey for Dr. and Mrs. Smith as they fly tomorrow to Los Angeles, and then return on Saturday.

Wednesday: “Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.”—Colossians 3:19. **Pray** that the husbands in our fellowship would love their wives. **Pray** that the Lord would bless our fellowship with more marriages. **Pray** for Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, and for the intern, Zach Dotson; **pray** that they would be strengthened, and that new people would attend.

Thursday: “Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.”—Colossians 3:20. **Pray** that the children in our fellowship would obey their parents. **Pray** for Tyndale International University, a Korean-language seminary in Los Angeles; **pray** that the Lord would guide the meetings today and tomorrow, as the board and administration discuss the future direction of this institution.

Friday: “Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”—Colossians 3:21. **Pray** that fathers would act responsibly toward their children, including with regard to church attendance and spiritual matters. **Pray** for Birmingham (Ala.) Reformed Presbyterian Fellowship, that it would grow and be encouraged.

Saturday: “Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.”—Psalm 57:8. **Pray** that many people would come to church tomorrow, with a desire to praise God.

Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

The Lord’s Day
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Meeting every week at
472-B Paines Avenue NW
Atlanta, Georgia
Sunday School at 4:45 PM
Worship at 5:30 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1

*The Invocation

*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading (p. 673)

Galatians 3:26-4:7

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 3

“O Lord, How Are My Foes Increased!”

Scripture Text (p. 610)

John 1:1-13

The Sermon

“Adoption” (Part I)

*Prayer

*Psalm 22F

“My God, My God”

*Benediction

*Psalm 72C [stanzas 11-12]

“Now Blessed Be Our God Alone”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”—*Colossians 4:2.*

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”—*John 1:12.*

“Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: “You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.””—*Leviticus 19:2.*

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

John 1:12 “Adoption” (Part I)

Theme: God promises to adopt all those who believe in Jesus.

I. The Condition

A. receiving the Light of the world

B. believing on His name

II. The Promise

A. power/authority

B. adoption

1. to become sons/children of God

2. reckoned as being among the children of God

3. this means that not everyone is a child of God

All those that are justified, God vouchsafes, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption, by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God, have His name put upon them, receive the spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, are enabled to cry, Abba, Father, are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by Him as by a Father: yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption; and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.—WCF, XII.

Observations

A. adoption implies great love

B. adoption required sacrifice

Application—are you living up to your membership in God’s family?