

This is God's Word for my life
In this Place and at this Time.
Today I am a new creation in Christ,
I am God's very own, and
I KNOW He has a purpose for my life.



But when the time arrived that was set by God the Father, God sent his Son, born among us of a woman, born under the conditions of the law so that he might redeem those of us who have been kidnapped by the law. Thus we have been set free to experience our rightful heritage.



You can tell for sure that you are now fully adopted as his own children because God sent the Spirit of his Son into our lives crying out, “Papa! Father!” Doesn’t that privilege of intimate conversation with God make it plain that you are not a slave, but a child?



And if you are a child, you're also an heir, with complete access to the inheritance.

Galatians 4:4-6



The Baptism Advantage



The Thrill of ADOPTION: “*Father!*”

“Adoption is the legal process by which a person leaves his own family and enters the family of another.”



The Challenge of a Family

Carry the Family Name: **Christian**

Reflect the Family Values: **Humility** **Gratitude** & **Service**,

Fulfill the Family Mission: **Impact** the World



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Remember Your Baptism



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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church, are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.



Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.



On Behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

*Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of
your sin?*



Do you accept the freedom and power God give you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever form they present themselves?



Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?



According to the grace given you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church, and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?



Will you nurture one another in the Christian Faith
and Life and aspire to be all that Christ calls us to be
in the world?



Congregational Response:

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround one another with a community of love and forgiveness, that together we may grow in our trust of God, and be found faithful in our service to others. We will pray for each other, that we may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to Life.



THE BLESSING

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us to our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.



Congregational response:

All praise to you, Eternal Father,
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
Who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for
ever. Amen



Pastor:

The God of all Grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.



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