

Westminster

Shorter Catechism

Q34: What is adoption?

A: Adoption is an act of God's free grace by which we are received into the number and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,..."

John 1:12 (ESV)

"...and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him."

Rom. 8:17 (ESV)

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him."

1 John 3:1 (ESV)