

Adopted in God's Family

Bible reading: Romans 8: 15 – 17
Gal 4: 6 – 7

The family is the primary place where a child develops an understanding of life, relationships, God, faith, attitudes

In the Roman world the father had absolute authority, the son or daughter never came of age as long as the father was alive

The adoption process:

1. Adopting father would give biological father copper coins – the third time they were accepted
2. Go to the magistrates and present the legal document witnessed by 7 people

Consequences of adoption

- The new father wanted the adopted child
- The adopted child lost all rights in his former family
- He became an heir to his new father's estate
- His old life was completely wiped out
- By law he was as much a son as any of the new father's biological children

Romans 8:16 The Holy Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.