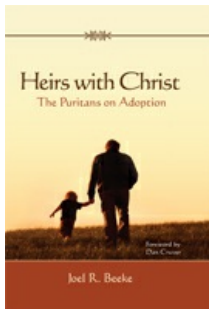


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Sons and Daughters of God — The Wonder of Adoption

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The doctrine of adoption is one of the sweetest dimensions of salvation as revealed in Scripture. Joel R. Beeke has written an inspiring and informative work on the doctrine that looks particularly to the Puritans for guidance. *Heirs with Christ: The Puritans on Adoption* [Reformation Heritage Books] will educate and encourage Christians and help believers to understand the wonder of adoption and the comfort and challenge this represents for the Christian life.

An excerpt:

Above all, the Puritans use the truth of adoption to transform God's needy children through powerful comforts. Thomas Hooker shows how adoption comforts them in the face of their unworthiness, outward poverty, the contempt of the world, infirmities, afflictions, persecutions, and dangers. When oppressed with sin, buffeted by Satan, enticed by the world, or alarmed by fears of death, believers are able to take refuge in their precious, heavenly Father, saying with [Samuel] Willard, "Am I not still a child? And if so, then I am sure, that though he correct me (and I deserve it, nor will I refuse to submit myself patiently unto it) yet he cannot take away his loving kindness from me."

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