## IN LOVE, HE PREDESTINED US FOR ADOPTION

EPHESIANS 1:4-6

### The Christian life is re-oriented by appreciating the loving, kind, predetermination of God

The nature of God's love;

#### **ZEPHANIAH 3:17**

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

# The Christian life is re-oriented by appreciating the privilege of being welcomed into God's family with a new identity

#### ROMANS 9:4

They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.

#### **ROMANS 8:15**

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

#### **ROMANS 8:23**

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

#### **GALATIANS 4:4-5**

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

The Christian life is re-oriented, enjoyed, given, received only in Christ