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**Why was I saved from the dust?**

**Live with gratitude**

**Live with faithfulness**

# **The Privileges of Adoption...**

***Direction, Affection, Protection***

# **1. The privilege of direction**

**Rom. 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.**

**John 14:25-26 (Jesus said) “All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”**

**"Lord I believe...help my unbelief"**

**"The answer is 'yes"...what is the  
question?"**



## **2. The privilege of affection**

**Rom. 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!”**

**Mark 14:36   “*Abba*, Father,” he said,  
“everything is possible for you. Take  
this cup from me. Yet not what I will,  
but what you will.”**

**Affection = Access**

### **3. The privilege of protection**

**Rom. 8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...**

# **Insecurity:**

**1. Lack of understanding**

**2. Living in willful disobedience**

**Eph. 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

**1. The security of the Holy Spirit**

**2. The sadness of the Holy Spirit**

**You can “be” secure and not “feel”  
secure.**

**Three privileges of adoption:  
Direction, Affection, Protection**



# **The responsibility of adoption...**

**Rom. 8:17 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.**

**We are not adopting him, he is  
adopting us.**

**We are adopted into his family, with  
his family values.**

**Heb. 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**For God so loved he gave...**