

# *Certain Eternity*

## *Part 26:*

### *Children of God*

Last Will  
& Testament



Supreme Court  
Application for Adoption

Pursuant of the Adoption Act 2003, Chapter 5 (Initial Application) this form represents a first consideration of adoption of person or persons stated hereon.  
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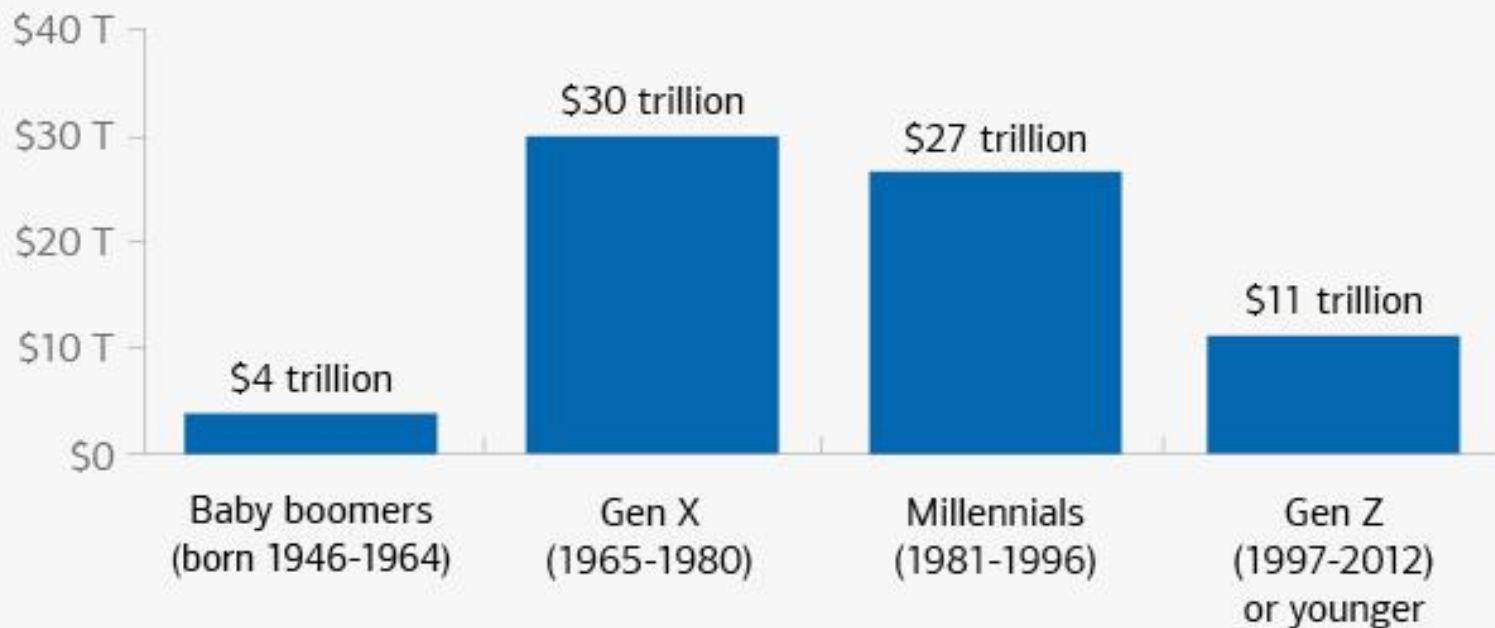
☐ Interested Party

☐ Relative



# By the numbers: The Great Wealth Transfer

Estimated wealth to be inherited through 2045, by generation:

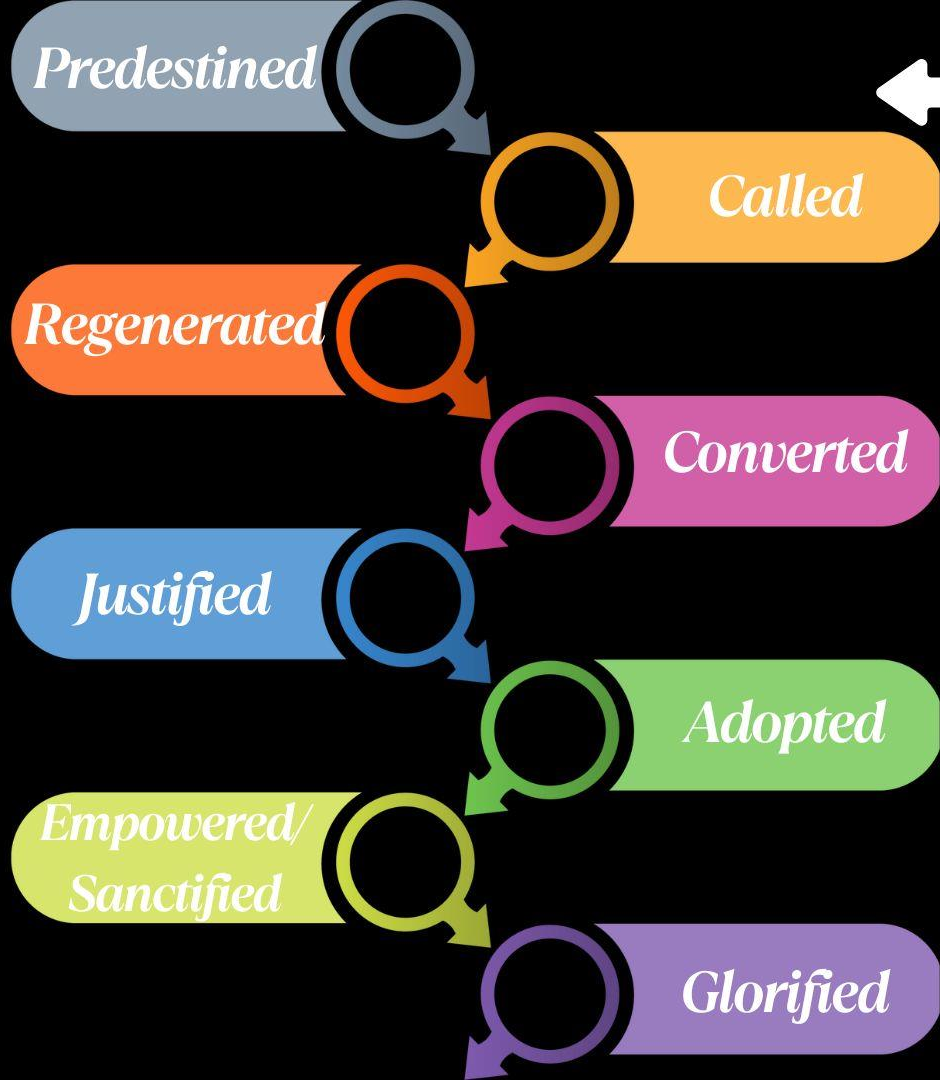


# Adoption

*“1 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. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”*

*1 John 3:1-2*





*Order of Salvation*

*Order of Sermon*



*Identity*  
*Unity*  
*Certainty*  
*Eternity*

# ***IDENTITY***

***“Children”***

***(GK. teknon)***

***literally - the born ones, filial descendants of someone***

***“I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”***

***2 Corinthians 6:18***

# IDENTITY

*“Consider who we were, and who we are now; ay, and what we feel ourselves to be even when divine grace is powerful in us. And yet, beloved, we are called 'the sons (children) of God.' It is said that when one of the learned heathens was translating this, he stopped and said, No; it cannot be; let it be written 'Subjects,' not 'Sons,' for it is impossible we should be called 'the sons of God.' What a high relationship is that of a son to his father! What privileges a son has from his father! What liberties a son may take with his father! and oh! what obedience the son owes to his father, and what love the father feels towards the son! But all that, and more than that, we now have through Christ. "Behold!" ye angels! stop, ye seraphs! here is a thing more wonderful than heaven with its walls of jasper. Behold, universe! open thine eyes, O world. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God” - C.H. Spurgeon*

# ***IDENTITY***

*“3 If you are the Son of God....6...if you are the Son of God”*

*Matthew 4:3, 6*



# IDENTITY

*“and so we are”*

***John 1:12-13** “12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”*

***Ephesians 1:4-5** “4 ... In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will”*

***Galatians 4:4-6** “4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!””*

***Romans 8:14-15** “14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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!”*



# **IDENTITY** *“The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”*

*The term adoption may have a somewhat artificial sound in our ears; but in the Roman world of the first century A.D. an adopted son was a son deliberately chosen by his adoptive father to perpetuate his name and inherit his estate; he was no whit inferior in status to a son born in the ordinary course of nature, and might well enjoy the father's affection more fully and reproduce the father's character more worthily.” - F.F. Bruce*

# IDENTITY

*“and so we are”*

*“The doctrine of adoption says this: your salvation does not just consist in you having been on your way to hell and God superimposing the person and work of Christ on the cross so that you are now going in a different direction to just end up in heaven. ... God has actually adopted you as His own child. God loves you.” - Voddie Baucham*

# IDENTITY

*“See what kind of love the Father has given to us...”*





# **IDENTITY** *“The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”*

*"From their experience with us, the people of the world, while recognizing us as Christians, children of God, do not come to an understanding and appreciation of the nature of person we are, since unsaved people never have had a saving relationship with and knowledge of God. Intimate understanding and knowledge of another person is based upon fellowship (koinonia) with him. Since the people of the world have nothing in common with the children of God, they have no fellowship with them, and therefore have no intelligent appreciation and understanding of them. The foreign kind of love produced in us by the Holy Spirit constitutes us a foreign kind of person to the people of this world, and since they do not understand foreigners, people of a different race from themselves, they simply do not understand Christians. Children of God could just as well have come to earth from a strange planet so far as the people of the world are concerned."*

*- Kenneth Wuest*

# **IDENTITY** *“The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”*

**Philippians 3:20** *“...our citizenship is in heaven...”*

**1 Peter 2:9-12** *“9 But you are a chosen [adopted] race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession [God’s family], that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”*



***UNITY***

***“We are God’s children now...”***

***COLLECTIVELY***

***SPIRITUALLY***

***ALREADY, NOT YET***



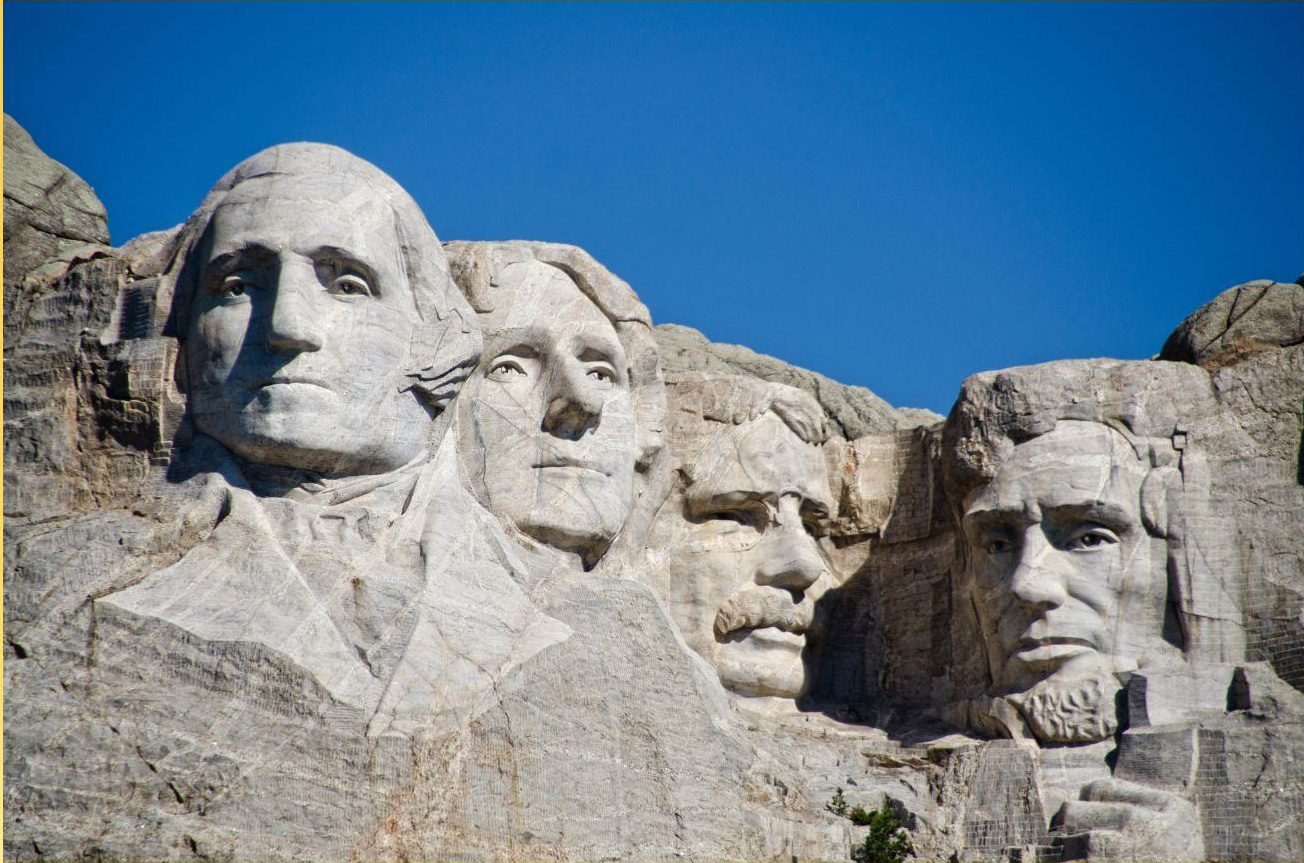
# UNITY

***“We are God’s children now...”***

*“Beloved, now are we the sons of God.” That is easy to read, but it is not so easy to feel. How is it with your heart this morning? Are you in the lowest depths of sorrow? Does corruption rise within your spirit, and grace seem like a poor spark trampled under foot? Does your faith almost fail you? Fear not, it is neither your graces nor feelings on which you are to live: you must live simply by faith on Christ. With all these things against us, now-in the very depths of our sorrow, wherever we may be-now, as much in the valley as on the mountain, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God.” “Ah, but,” you say, “see how I am arrayed! my graces are not bright; my righteousness does not shine with apparent glory.” But read the next: “It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him. ” The Holy Spirit shall purify our minds, and divine power shall refine our bodies, then shall we see Him as He is.” - C.H. Spurgeon*

# CERTAINTY

*“but we know that when he appears we shall be like him”*





# CERTAINTY

*“but we know that when he appears we shall be like him”*

*“An unbeliever who sins is a creature sinning against his Creator. A Christian who sins is a child sinning against his Father. The unbeliever sins against law; the believer sins against love.” - Warren Wiersbe*



# CERTAINTY

*“but we know that when he appears we shall be like him”*

**Romans 8:35-39** *“35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

**Hebrews 2:14-15** *“14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.”*

# ETERNITY

*“because we shall see him as he is.”*

**Romans 8:16-17** *“16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 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.”*

**Revelation 21:3-5** *“3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*



# CERTAIN ETERNITY



THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN