

LESSON 7

CHAPTER 12. “Of Adoption”

Adoption is a legal process in which persons, not by obligation but by grace, confer all the rights and privileges due a legitimate child naturally born to them to a child not born to them. Since Jesus Christ is the “only begotten,” it is only by adoption that we can be accounted as and legitimately be called the children of God.

I. Paragraph 1: The rights and privileges of adoption

- A. Only those who are justified are adopted.
- B. Given His name
- C. Spirit of adoption: the Holy Spirit
- D. Pity, Protection, Provision
- E. Chastened
- F. Kept, Sealed, Made heirs of the inheritance

Roman custom of adoption: Public ceremony & Private ceremony. The natural child of a Roman could be disowned; however, an adopted child could never be disowned by law.