

He's My Daddy!

Ephesians 3:14-19

**For this reason I bow my knees to the
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
from whom the whole family
in heaven and earth is named,
that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His glory,
to be strengthened with might
through His Spirit in the inner man,**

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that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend

with all the saints

what is the width and length and depth and height—

to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

→ By Design ...*His Sovereign Goodness*

“Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Every GOOD gift

and every PERFECT gift

is from above,

and comes down

from the

Father of Lights

with whom there is no variation

or shadow of turning.” *(James 1:16-17)*

→ By Design ...His Sovereign Goodness

- Created from dirt
- Created in God's *"image & likeness"*
- God's breath within us



→ By Design ...His Sovereign Goodness

Our RESPONSE & RESPONSIBILITY

“But now, O Lord,
Thou art our Father;
we are the clay, and
Thou our Potter;
and we all are
the work of Thy hand.”
(Isaiah 64:8)



→ By Design ...His Sovereign Goodness

Our RESPONSE & RESPONSIBILITY:

- “Know that the Lord, He is God;
It is He who has made us,
and not we ourselves...”

(Psalm 100:3)

- “...And what do you have
that you did not receive?
Now if you did indeed receive it,
why do you boast
as if you had not received it?

(1 Corinthians 4:7)

→ By Adoption

...His Great Love

“Blessed be God,
even
the **Father**
of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
the **Father**
of **Mercies**,
and the God of all comfort.”

(2 Corinthians 1:3)

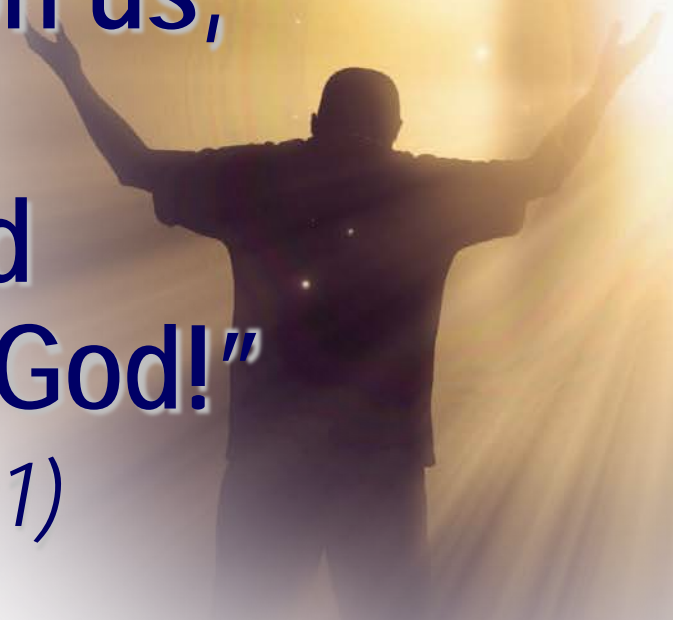


➔ By Adoption

...His Great Love

**“Behold
what manner of love
the Father
has bestowed on us,
that we
should be called
children of God!”**

(1 John 3:1)



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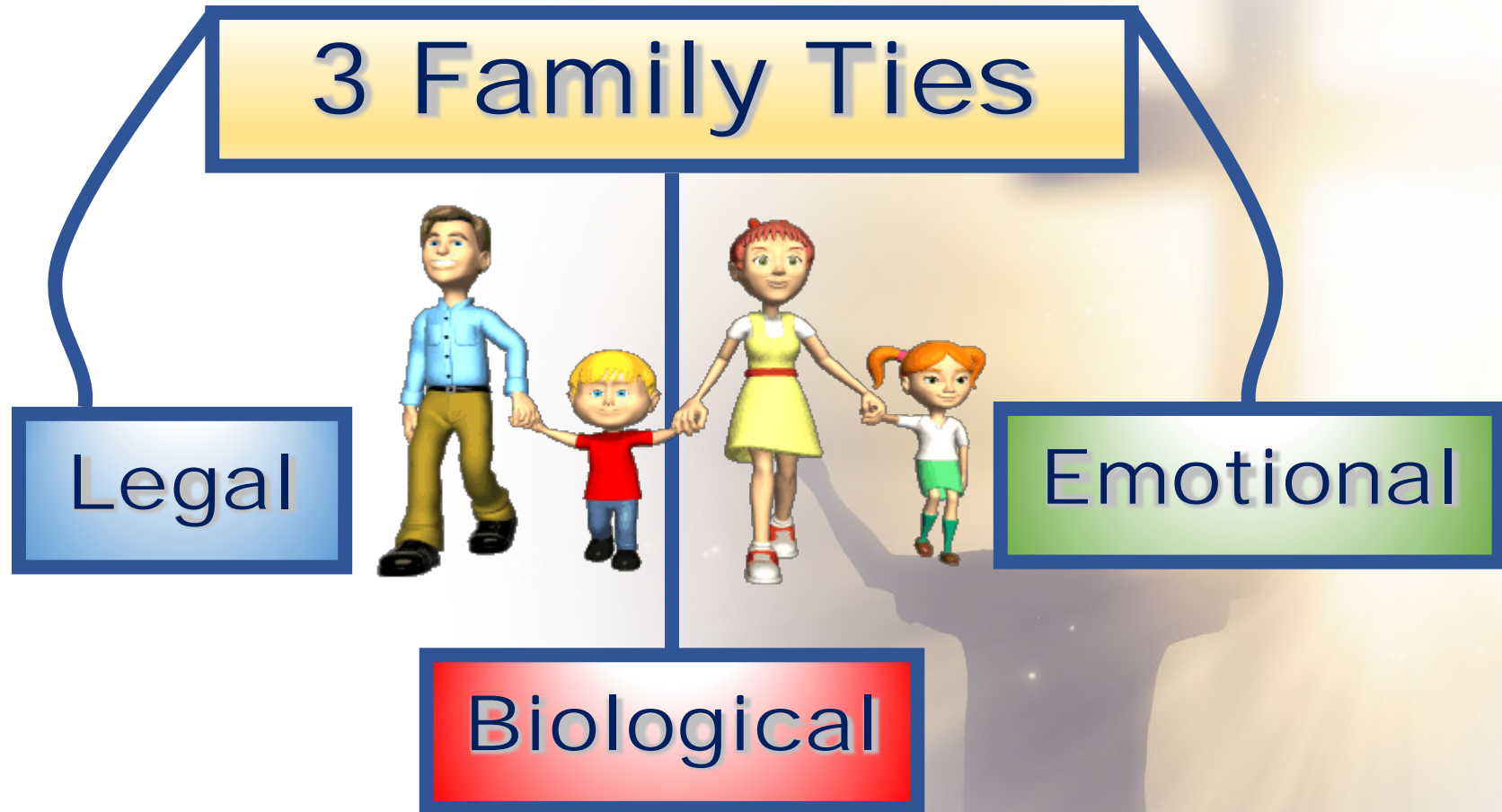
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- **Adoption = “to place as a son”**
- **Adoption Assumes Two Things:**
 - A Previous Family
 - A Choice is Involved

God did not need a family...
...but we needed a father!

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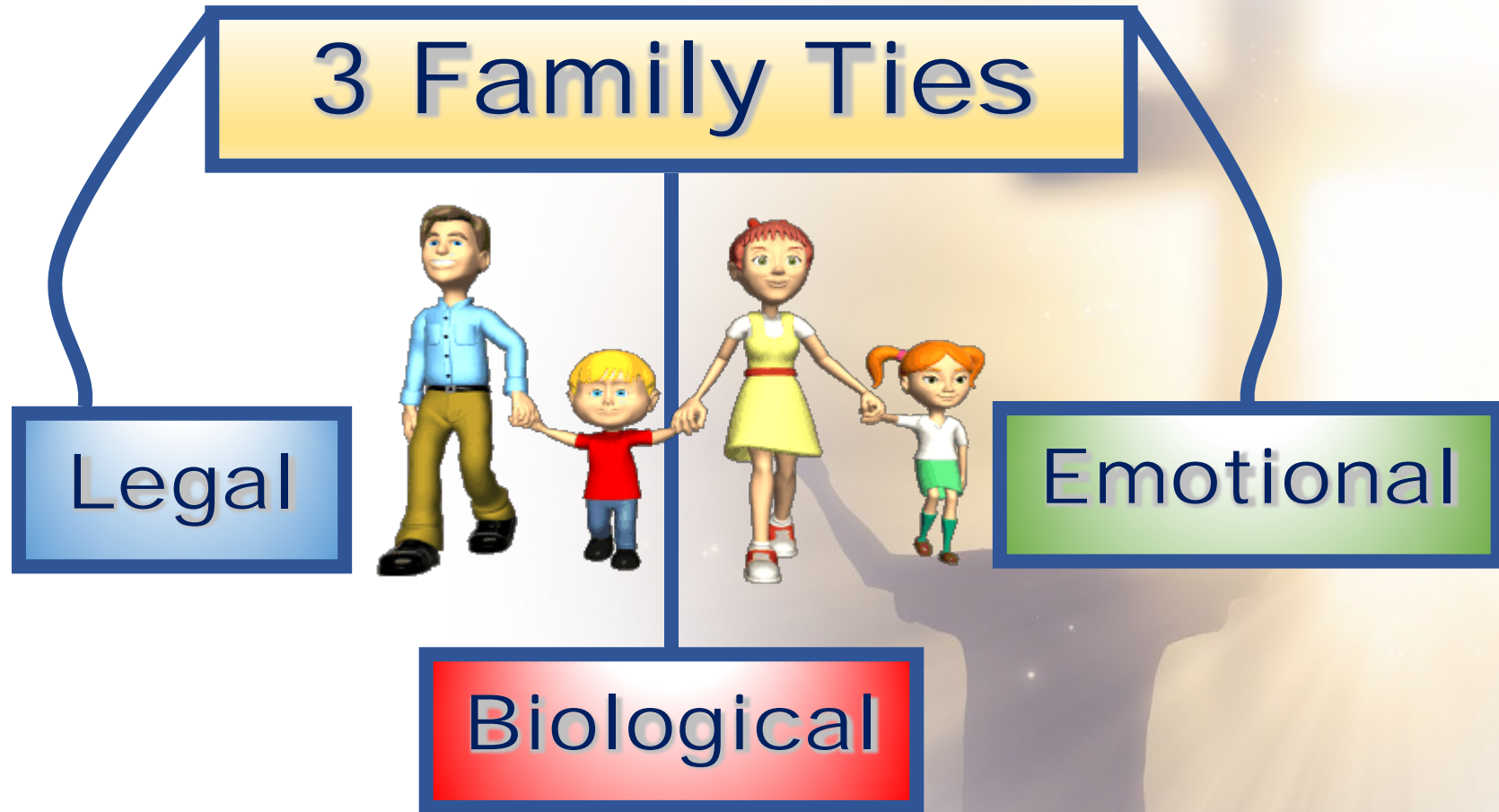
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➤ Adoption provides
“Legal” and “Emotional” ties.

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**Our Adoption into God's Family
*includes a "Spiritual Birth"!***

→ By Adoption

...His Great Love

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

And because you are sons,
God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son
into your hearts, crying out,

"Abba, Father!"

(Galatians 4:4-6)

→ By Adoption

...His Great Love

“For you did not receive
the spirit of bondage again to fear,
But you received
the Spirit of Adoption
by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”
The Spirit Himself bears witness
with our spirit that we are children of God,
And if children, then heirs—heirs of God
and joint heirs with Christ.”

(Romans 8:15-17)

→ By His Dealings

...His Hand

“Furthermore,
we had earthly fathers
to discipline us,
and we respected them;
shall we not much rather
be subject to the
Father of Spirits,
and live?”



(Hebrews 12:9)

→ By His Dealings

...His Hand

Our RESPONSE & RESPONSIBILITY:

“You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; **God is dealing with you as with sons.**

For what son is there whom his father does not train and correct and discipline?

Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are **illegitimate offspring** and **not true sons** at all.”

(Hebrews 12:7-8 Amplified)



→ By His Dealings

...His Hand

“Yea, though I walk
through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;

Your rod

and Your staff

they comfort me.”

(Psalm 23:4)



→ By His Dealings

...His Hand

“O Lord, I know
the way of man
is not in himself;
It is not in man who walks
to direct his own steps.

O Lord, correct me,
but with justice;

Not in Your anger,
lest You bring me to nothing.”

(Jeremiah 10:23-24)



➔ By Metamorphosis ...*His Purpose*



“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of Glory,
may give unto you
a spirit of wisdom and of revelation
in the knowledge of Him...”

(Ephesians 1:17-19)

- Hope of His Calling
- Riches of His Inheritance in Saints
- Exceeding Greatness
of His Power working within us

→ By Metamorphosis ...*His Purpose*



Definition:

“Transformation of physical form, structure, substance, character, and condition which results in a complete and permanent change in an organism’s habitat and behavior.”

→ By Metamorphosis ...His Purpose



From a tadpole...



→ By Metamorphosis ...*His Purpose*



...to a tadpole with legs...



→ By Metamorphosis ...His Purpose



...to a frog with a tail...



→ By Metamorphosis ...*His Purpose*



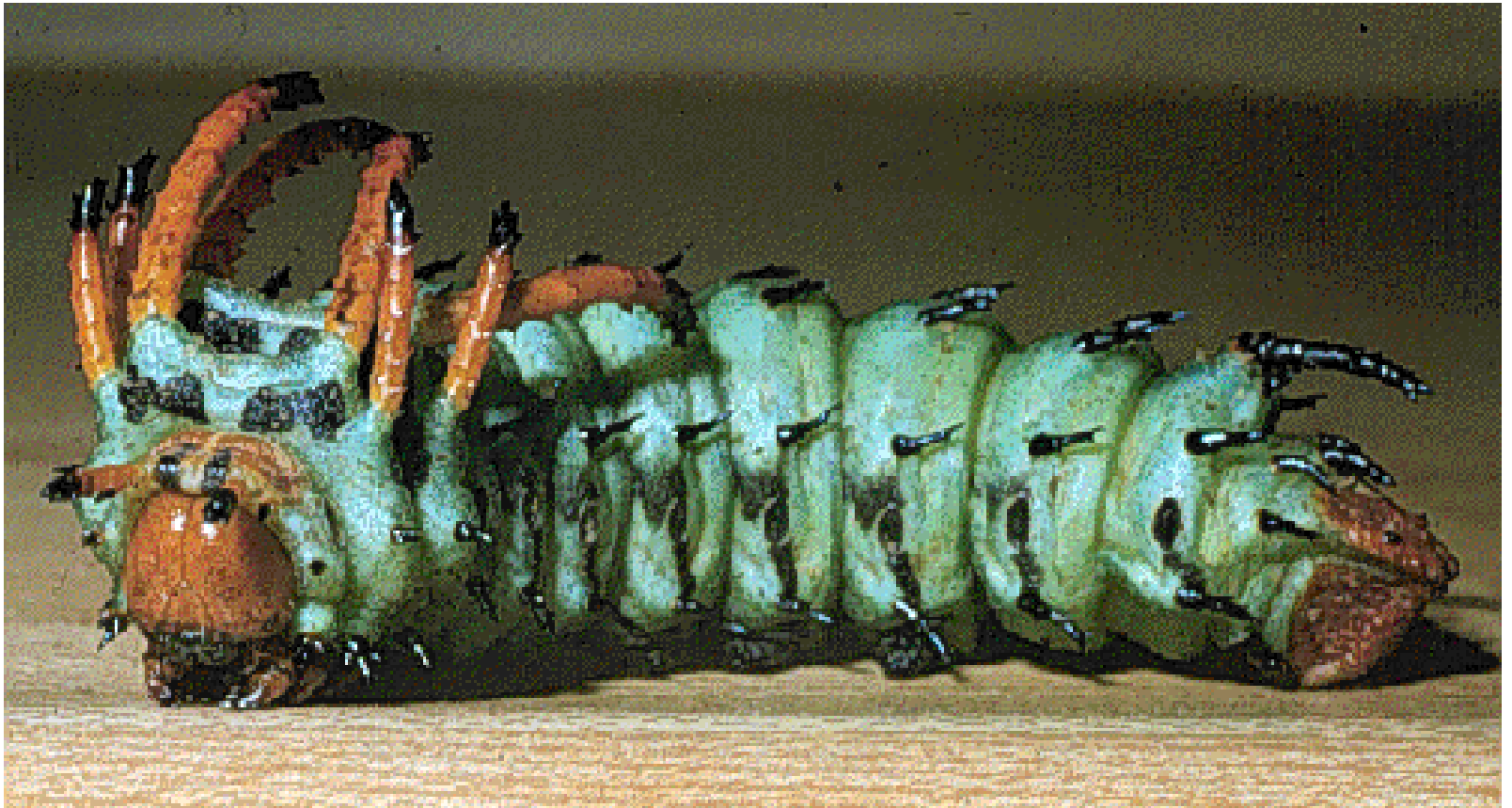
...and behold... the FROG!



→ By Metamorphosis ...*His Purpose*



“Hickory Horned Devil”



→ By Metamorphosis ...His Purpose



...to “Royal Lunar Moth”



➔ By Metamorphosis ...*His Purpose*



From Caterpillar...



→ By Metamorphosis ...*His Purpose*



...to “Monarch Butterfly”



➔ By Metamorphosis ...*His Purpose*



...to “Monarch Butterfly”



→ By Metamorphosis ...*His Purpose*



- We have our Heavenly Father's "DNA" is within us!

"No one who is born of God practices sin, because His Seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

(1 John 3:9)₂₉

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“Beloved, now we are children of God;
and it has not yet been revealed
what we shall be,
but we know that when He is revealed,
we shall be like Him,
for we shall see Him as He is.
And everyone who has this hope in Him
purifies himself, just as He is pure.

(1 John 3:2-3)

God loves us just as we are...

**BUT– He loves us too much
to leave us like that!**

→ By Metamorphosis ...His Purpose



"...who called us by glory and virtue,
by which have been given to us
exceedingly great and precious promises,
that through these you may be
partakers of the divine nature."

(2 Peter 1:3-4)

"But we all, with unveiled face,
beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed
**into the same image
from glory to glory,**
just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

(2 Corinthians 3:18)

→ By Design ...*His Sovereign Goodness*

"Father of Lights" (James 1:16-17)

→ By Adoption ...*His Great Love*

"Father of Mercies" (2 Corinthians 1:3)

→ By His Dealings ...*His Hand*

"Father of Spirits" (Hebrews 12:5-11)

→ By Metamorphosis ...*His Purpose*

"Father of Glory" (Ephesians 1:17-19)