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1 John 3:1, “*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.*” (NIV)

Do you know the LORD? I’m not asking if you know about Him. I’m asking, do you have a personal relationship with Him? Is He your Father and are you His child? The only way that you can know that is that you have surrendered to the Lordship of Christ and accepted His payment of your sin-debt.

I’m blessed by those in this world that see a child in need and choose to adopt them. Even though this child is not physically theirs, they choose to treat them as if they were. I’m an adopted child. After my physical father died, my mother remarried and my new step-father wanted to be my father, and so he adopted me. I remember how that made me feel. Someone that wasn’t really my father wanted me. He wanted to love me and protect and teach me. I was amazed that he wanted to do this. But he did. And so, I took on his name and felt the security of his love.

In a greater respect, the LORD loves you and me so very much, that He wants to be our Father. He wants to adopt us into the family of God. He wants to give us His name. He wants to bless us with all that He has. The term in this passage, *lavished*, is a reminder of how much love He wants to give to you as well. The Greek term is **potapen** which means *to pour out a great love, to give a wonderful love, a love that cannot be described*. There is no greater love than this. The LORD has chosen to adopt you. He desires for everyone to be His children. But we all have a choice. Will you accept the bountiful love of God or will you reject Him? He leaves this choice in your hands.

Dear LORD, oh what an amazing thing that You have done for us. You have chosen to make us Your very own children. There is nothing better than that. You love us so very much. Thank You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen