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Adopted

“This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 3:6)

In 2006 on Mother's Day, with his Mom in the stands, Bill Hall hits a walk-off home run to beat the Mets at Miller Park, 6-5. The Milwaukee center fielder, joining many other major league players, uses a pink bat in MLB's effort to raise public awareness of breast cancer.

Wow! What an awesome day for both Bill Hall and his mother. A Mother's Day home run. And Mom is able to witness it live while in the stands.

Many of us have experienced and are aware of the fruit of the labor of mothers, wives and Godly women. Their faithful example and testimony has led and influenced many of us to faith, service, and salvation. In fact, Proverbs 31:10 declares, *“Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.”* May we see, value, and acknowledge the tremendous value of godly women! Godly women are an important part of insuring a godly family.

In the verse above from Ephesians 3, Paul lays out that through the “good news of Jesus Christ,” we have all been adopted into a godly family – God's family! He tells us that salvation is for *all*. Ephesians 1:5 states that *“God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure.”*

When we believe and accept the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, we are now adopted into the family of God. We are heirs of the kingdom.

Believe it! Live it! Coach it!

Question: Have you accepted God's gift to you on the cross? Do you believe and live as one adopted into God's family?

Challenge: Read Ephesians 3. Accept the sacrifice of Jesus and believe that in Christ you are an adopted heir into God's Family.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for your gift. Help me to embrace it with my whole heart in all that I do daily.

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