God the Father as Our Father—Romans 8:14-17

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Believers are those who have found forgiveness through faith in the death of Christ for their sins and His resurrection. But *adoption* is wonderful aspect of our salvation that goes beyond forgiveness to welcome the believer into the very family of God as a son or daughter. In fact, it is arguable that adoption—having God as Father—is the highest benefit that we can possibly know as a believer in Christ, for two reasons:

1. Because of the *impossibility* of the sinner's having a close relationship with God.

2. Because of the *quality* of the close relationship the believer shares with God through Christ.

    a. The blessing of fellowship (15).

    b. The blessing of assurance (16).

    c. The blessing of inheritance (17).