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Authentic faith in an age of pretension
■ Matthew 6 ■

The True Basis of Prayer

"Our Father, who art in heaven..."

1) The radical shift of Jesus: Calling God "Father"

2) The fatherhood of God means our adoption as his children

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. — John 1:12

Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." — Galatians 4:6

...because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."— Romans 8:14-15

I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. — John 17:23

a) Who completes the adoption?

b) What changes at the adoption?

3) Saturate yourself with the reality of your adoption by God every time you pray

a) How do we approach God?

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. — Hebrews 4:16

b) How do we think of God as we pray?

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! — I John 3:1a