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In theology, adoption on salvation, especially in the arrangement of doctrines, is usually looked upon as a step that follows the aspect of justification. Generally, it has the same implications to the act of placing a child legally into the hands and authority of new guardian(s) or parent(s) that are much different from the real biological parents of the child. In the scripture, some books refer Christians as being adopted children of God. They include; the Book of ¹ Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:5 and Ephesians 1:5. A clear example in the historical context that explains clearly the concept of adoption is the people of Israel, as in the Book of Romans 9:4.

According to Brown (2011), adoption outlines clearly a relational aspect of the other doctrines of salvation where it paves the way for the act of justification, reconciliation as well as redemption. For instance, the narration of Mephibosheth in the Old Testament also explains clearly the real meaning of the term adoption, thereby giving a great look at the history of adoption. In 2nd Samuel 9:7-13, Mephibosheth was not a member of the family of David, but he was adopted and involved in the Royal family. With these few narrations, I can say that adoption is an essential aspect that can quickly bring about salvation.

Adoption as an act is not a sin. Even the scripture does not recognize the law of adoption as a sin but mentions it as a goodwill choice. Adoption is an individual choice to place his/ her child into the hands of another family that he sees to provide the best life when one is entirely unable (Demarest 2006). This is accompanied by the many benefits brought about by the act of adoption, which includes but not limited to; help the childless family have a child, support for the child, especially financial aid, the child grows in a stable, safe, and loving environment (Cannell 2017). However, there are various verses in the Bible that support adoption. On the side of

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Christians, the Bible inspires and comforts them through numerous verses that encourage adoption in our life. They include;

Corinthians 6:18 says that you will be a father, and you will be my daughters and sons that says the Almighty.

Galatians 4:5 say that to transform them who are under the law and that we can get adopted as the sons of the Lord.

Psalms 10: 14, 17-18. For you is the comforter of fatherless, and the Lord has heard the cry of the humble ones, and he will make their heart and make them understand, that He will do justice to the oppressed and fatherless to a good condition that is free from oppression.

Jeremiah 29:11. For the Lord proclaims that he is aware about the prosperity plans He has for His people and not for harm, plans of hope for their future.

All the above inspiration quotes from the Bible are apparent and open as they give a message of hope to the families who are childless and to the children facing oppression and lack of love in the environment they are living in. For example, in the book of Mathew 1:18, the son of God was conceived by the Holy Spirit and not through the act of sex. This shows that Jesus was adopted and brought up by Mary as his mother and father, Joseph, who took him as their son.

The implication of the act of adoption as a doctrine of salvation to Christians is excellent as it opens their minds and heart to an understanding of the meaning and intention of adoption towards the process of full salvation (Willmington 2018). Christians should not develop any doubt about the act, and they should have faith and desire for the action as it has many benefits to their spiritual, physical, and emotional life. This is particularly significant to the

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parents/guardians who have children with adverse disabilities, and they are not in a position to support them entirely in their life. According to Willmington (2018), most of the Christians have or undergo through different challenges in life. This can be body disabilities or lack of emotional, love, and financial support to their children. Our current societies are divided into different groups of social classes that are those with high-status quo and those who are miserable with low-status quo.

Barrett (2018) also suggests that giving out your daughter or son to the hands of the childless family just because one is unable to take care of the child is not a sin but a great move to care about the life of the child by creating his/her bright future. There is no need for witnessing the suffering of your child or children when one has the chance to give them away to caregivers. Life squealing brings hope as God also adopted us and bounded for the restoration and an everlasting state of good health, wholeness, happiness, and joy. It will be worth it all if Christian will not fear adoption and support it to reduce groaning in life.

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