

**Table Talk: Week 2: Adopted By God**  
**FAITH Unfolded (A Fresh Look At The Reformed Faith)**

**Review:** Fallen Humanity (Total Depravity):

**I. “Spiritual Adoption” (Unconditional Election)**

- A. Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12. - We are Chosen by God
- B. Genesis 12:1-3. – Abram chosen out of a pagan nation.
- C. Deuteronomy 7:6-8. – chosen simply because God loved them.
- D. 1 Samuel 16:1. – The choosing of David to be king.
- E. John 15:16. – “You did not choose me; I chose you.”
- F. 2 Thessalonians 2:13. God “chosen to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit.”
- G. 2 Peter 1:10. – confirm your calling and election
- H. Matthew 24:22. – for the sake of the elect
- I. Acts 13:48. – “those who were ordained to eternal life believed.”

**II. Why does God choose some and not others?**

- A. Because they met certain conditions?
- B. Because God foresaw that they would believe?

1. Jesus answers this question as he speaks in John 6:35-40:  
The ones who have been given to Jesus by the Father are the ones who believe.

2. Interpreting of Romans 8:29-30: What is the meaning of the word “foreknew?”  
“Foresaw” would believe in him?

OR

“Fore-loved”?

Christians are adopted by God (chosen by God). On what basis? They are chosen, not because of good works or faith, but entirely as a result of God's love and mercy. To put it another way, God selects people as his children in Christ not because of any conditions they have met but solely because of God's sovereign choice.

**Questions:**

- 1. Have you been adopted, or do you know someone who has been adopted? Have you adopted a child? How does it feel to adopt a child? To be adopted?
- 2. What is the process of adoption? Does the child choose his parents or vice versa?
- 3. What are some good motives for adoption?
- 4. Why do you think God wants to bring us into his family?
- 5. What conditions or requirements must we meet in order to be adopted by God?
- 6. How does it help you to know that you are chosen by God?