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Two Years of Celebrating Humanity's Adoption

This issue marks the Two-Year anniversary of *The Adopted Life*. Our first issue went out by email on August 6, 2007.

Thank you for reading, commenting on the blog, and sharing your thoughts and articles with us! Perhaps the greatest blessing that we have experienced in this ministry is in discovering how many people, all over the world, are also on this journey with Jesus to rediscover the beauty of the Trinity and the awesome good news of how we have all been included in the life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

From the beginning, we at *The Adopted Life* have had one basic editorial standard: to write the kind of articles that we would like to read. Two years ago, when we looked around the world of Christian publishing, we simply didn't see as much Trinitarian writing about humanity's adoption in Christ as we wanted to read. In the last two years we've been blessed to discover more than we knew existed, yet we also still believe that there is a real need within the Church for even more articles and blog posts that are fully immersed in Trinitarian thinking. So, we anticipate continuing our work through *The Adopted Life*, and its website (www.theadoptedlife.org), and its blog (www.trinityandhumanity.wordpress.com) for some years to come. We hope you will all stay on this journey with us, as we help one another keep growing in the good news of how deeply Jesus has baptized the human race into the life he shares with his Father and their Holy Spirit.

On this second anniversary we want to take a moment to acknowledge a key factor in *The Adopted Life's* success: the support of the congregations that Tim and Jonathan pastor. They each pastor two churches and these are the communities whose financial giving, prayers, and support for the gospel have made it possible for Tim and Jonathan to devote the necessary time to this publishing effort.

Because so many of the people who read *The Adopted Life*, listen to our weekly sermon postings, and follow our blog are pastors and ministry leaders in their own congregations, we have seen the impact of this ministry spread well beyond our core readership. All over the world the Holy Spirit is reawakening people to the truth of who God is as the Triune Life of love and who the human race is in Jesus. Through *The Adopted Life* we have been able to play our own very small role in this reawakening. For that blessing we are overflowing with gratitude and joy towards our Dad in heaven and thankful to all the people - especially in our congregations - who have responded to Jesus' call to support the spreading of the good news through this publication.

We pray that *The Adopted Life's* next year of celebrating the Trinity and humanity together in Jesus will be as much a blessing to you, your family, your church, and your community, as it is to us who publish it.