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- v. Baptism recapitulates birth itself. We came out of the water from our mother’s womb, and now return to the water and come out anew. Hence the obvious connection to adoption!
- vi. Baptism takes all these abstract ideas and enacts them in a concrete way... bodily. We feel the water. We go down into the water. We come out of the water. We are wet!

C. Baptism is the ritual act of our adoption.

## III. Responsibility & Reason (Eph. 1:4d-6, 18; 2:10)

A. The purpose of adoption.

- i. Immediately after this praise of vv3-14, Paul prays that the church would:
  - a) know the Father better;
  - c) know the power which is available for us who believe;
  - b) know the riches of **the Father’s inheritance!**
- iv. An heir in the ancient world.

D. J. Williams notes that “In Roman Law... the heir was understood to be the embodiment of the testator – the father lived on, so to speak, in the son – not from the time of the father’s death but from the time of the son’s... adoption.” (quoted in Burke, Adopted into God’s Family, 98)