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## Book Recommendations

In almost every issue of *The Adopted Life* we include a short quote from one of the Church fathers, discussing the gospel and explaining the good news of our adoption into the life of the Trinity.

Many of the people and books we quote from may be unfamiliar to you. It's simply human nature that we are always better read in the writings of our time and culture than we are in the writings of other times and cultures.

In the case of the gospel, though, this can be a limiting factor in our understanding of who we are in Christ. The early Christians are the ones the Holy Spirit worked with to assemble the Bible and lay the foundations of our understanding of who Jesus is. When we neglect their books we are missing a rich and important part of Christianity. Here, then, are a few book recommendations just to get you started:

*On the Incarnation* by Athanasius of Alexandria

*On the Soul and the Resurrection* by Gregory of Nyssa

*Against All Heresies* by Irenaeus of Lyons

*On the Resurrection* (Fragments) by Justin Martyr

What's even better is that all of these, together with hundreds of other volumes by the Church fathers, are available online for free.

They can be found online at the Christian Classics Ethereal Library:

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