

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Belonging to God**Romans 8:9-18**

ROMANS

ESV Outline:

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The Thing about Fathers...**Three Memories of My Father****Being a Father**

- I. The Holy Spirit Secures Life for Our Bodies (9-13)
- II. The Holy Spirit Reveals Our **Adoption** (14-17a)
- III. Putting Our Suffering in Context (17b-18)

The Holy Spirit Secures Life for Our Bodies (9-13)**I. *God in Us* Will Finish the Work (9-11)**

⁹ **You, however, are not in the flesh but *in the Spirit***, [if in fact the *Spirit of God* dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the *Spirit of Christ* does not belong to him.] ¹⁰ **But if *Christ is in you***, although *the body is dead* because of sin, *the Spirit is life* because of righteousness. ¹¹ **If the *Spirit of him*** who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, **he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.** ✝

II. *With God* We Begin Overcoming Our Mortality (12-13)

¹² **So then, brothers**, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For *if you live according to the flesh you will die*, but if **by the Spirit** you put to death *the deeds of the body*, you will live.

1. God Gives His Children *Desire & Help* (putting death to death)

Adoption, Glory, Holy Spirit, Body

Romans 8:21–23

²¹ ...the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of *the glory of the children of God*. ... ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have *the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan* inwardly as we **wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.**

The Holy Spirit Reveals Our Adoption (14-17a)

¹⁴ For all who are **led by the Spirit of God** are **sons of God**.

¹⁵ For you did **not receive the spirit of slavery** to fall back into fear, but you **have received the Spirit of adoption as sons**, by whom **we cry**, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ **The Spirit himself bears**

witness with *our spirit* that we are *children of God*,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and *fellow heirs with Christ*...

2. Not Slavery...Not Fear again “Love casts out Fear” (Cf. 1 Jn. 4:16–18)
3. Fellow Heirs... Consider Our Inheritance!
4. Adoption...Redeemed Body (vs. 21–23): “Already...,” “Not Yet...”

Putting Our Suffering in Context (17b-18)

...provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.¹⁸ For I consider that the *sufferings of this present time* are not worth comparing with the *glory that is to be revealed* to us.

God's perfect love frees us from sin & fear
as we battle with God to die to this life.
(Cf. 1 John 4:16–18)

5. Consider the Powerful Love of Our Faithful Father (Isaiah 43:1–7)

Isaiah 43:1–7

43 But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵ Fear not, for *I am with you*;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west *I will gather* you.
⁶ I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring **my sons** from afar
and **my daughters** from the end of the earth,
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit helping you put sin to death? What promises are most helpful to you in this battle? Who could you discuss this with?
2. What does, “by the Spirit” (v.13), necessarily imply about our prayer life? How quick are you to ask for God’s help?
3. What does the Fatherhood of God feel like to you? What do you do when his love feels distant? Who could you talk and pray with about this?
3. Think about the implication of being fellow heirs with Jesus! What are some of our inheritance you are most looking forward to?
4. How does our status as children and heirs help you navigate the sufferings you have to face this week? What are some of those sufferings? (Spend some time comparing this list with the one above.)