



SCRIPTURE FOR FURTHER STUDY

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| ① EPHESIANS 1:4-6 | ⑤ ISAIAH 53:1-6 |
| ② GALATIANS 4:4-5 | ⑥ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 |
| ③ PSALM 40:1-3 | ⑦ ROMANS 8:17 |
| ④ COLOSSIANS 3:1-3 | ⑧ 1 JOHN 3:1 |

THE ULTIMATE COURTROOM DRAMA

ROMANS 8:12-17 * MAY 7, 2023

THE ULTIMATE PLOT TWIST

ROMANS 8:12-17

In Romans, chapter eight, the scene flips before our eyes as a _____ becomes an _____.

OUR ADOPTION INTO SONSHIP

- ① My adoption was _____ in advance.
- ② My adoption came at a _____.
- ③ My adoption _____ me from bad circumstances.
- ④ My adoption changed my _____ completely.
- ⑤ My adoption _____ my debts.
- ⑥ My adoption gave me new _____.
- ⑦ My adoption _____ me a new inheritance.
- ⑧ My adoption showed how _____ my Father's love is for me.

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

- He _____ me, simply because I'm His _____.
- The relationship is not formal, or even _____ — it's personal and _____.
- He will stay; He _____ to stay — He has no history or _____ of leaving.
- He is _____ of me; not my _____.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. If someone were to point to a child and say, "that child is really loved by his parents," what would you conclude about how his parents treat him?
2. How does this align with your view of how God loves his adopted children?
3. Read Romans 8:12-13. What obligation does Paul imply we do have? Why do we have this obligation? What does it mean to "put to death the misdeeds of the body"? Explain in your own words.
4. If we are no longer under obligation to these old masters, why do we choose so often to submit again to their authority? How can we be more effective in resisting them?
5. Read Romans 8:14-17. What does it mean to you that you are not God's slave but his child? How do we experience the reality and privileges of being God's children?
6. One aspect of the Spirit's ministry is to give us confidence before the Father. In what ways does the truth explained in these verses help you to relate more positively to the Father?
7. This passage tells what is true of us if we are led by the Spirit. Think of the implications for our lives. What sorts of attitudes and actions will follow if we are calling God "Abba, Father" sincerely?