

WORD OF GRACE

Part 14: Abba | Text: Romans 8:9-17

Review:

1. Living a life that pleases the Lord, by not living in the flesh
2. Christ broke the power of the flesh at the Cross

Romans 8:9-11

Without the _____, we can't walk as _____ of God.

- Ephesians 2:8-9
- 1 Corinthians 3:16
- 1 Peter 1:3
- John 1:11-13
- John 3:3, 5-7
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Titus 3:5

The life of _____ will bring death, but the Holy Spirit brings _____

2 Corinthians 5:15-17 (NKJV)

- Physical death: Matthew 8:22
- Spiritual death: Colossians 2:13
- Sexual death: Romans 4:19
- Positional death: Romans 6:5-7, Colossians 2:20
- Operational death: Revelation 3:1, Hebrews 6:1
- Second death: Revelation 20:14, 15

Romans 8:12-17

As children we now can _____ to put to _____ the flesh.

Luke 14:27 Romans 15:1 Galatians 5:24

“Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go to the victories you never dreamed of. An apparently trivial indulgence in lust or anger today is the loss of a ridge or railway line or bridgehead from which the enemy may launch an attack otherwise impossible.”
C.S. Lewis

The Heavenly Father wants us to _____ Him as our adopted Father.

- Adoption in Paul's Greco-Roman world different than today.
- Word for sons is *huios*. Adult children not toddlers. Galatians 3:26
- Child of natural father was adopted around age 13-14.
- Adoption severs all ties to the old family or way of life. Galatians 4:2 | John 1:12
- The new son becomes an heir of all that the Father possesses. Romans 8:17 | Galatians 4:4-7
- The son's old life is completely washed away and all debts are cancelled. Colossians 2:13, 14
- This is a legal agreement that cannot be reversed or broken. Galatians 3:26-29 | Hebrews 6:16-20 | Numbers 23:19

God shows his level of _____ for us by His adoption.

- Abba – From Hebrew words Aleph (Father) and Bet (House), Intimate Form
- Galatians 4:7
- Exodus 4:22
- 2 Corinthians 6:18
- Deuteronomy 14:2
- Luke 15:11-32

As a result of our adoption we become _____ of our Father and _____ with Christ.

- Galatians 3:29
- Titus 3:7
- Hebrews 6:17
- Psalm 119:111
- Colossians. 1:12

D12 Group Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the six descriptions of death and then apply to your life.
2. Discuss C.S. Lewis' quote and then give examples.
3. Discuss adoption and apply to your life by looking up all the scriptures.
4. What does Sonship mean to you?

Prayer Focus: Pray that our leaders in Washington and Sacramento will lead with courage and not fall into selfishness.