

## We Cry out ABBA Father ~ Romans 8:12-17

→Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-17

### INTRODUCTION

**James 4:8** (HCS) Draw NEAR to God, and He WILL draw NEAR to you...

Let us proclaim loud and clear that our Justification is based on the WORTH of Christ's obedience and sacrifice, NOT ours... Let us also declare the Biblical Truth that the enjoyment of that Justification is based on a daily pursuit of intimacy with Christ. JP

**Romans 5:1** (NIV) Therefore, since we have been JUSTIFIED through faith, we HAVE PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

**Romans 8:1** (NIV) Therefore, there is now NO CONDEMNATION for those who are IN Christ Jesus...

<sup>8:10</sup> But if Christ is IN you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living IN you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives IN you.

### No OBLIGATION to Sin ~ Romans 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation - but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, <sup>14</sup> because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

If Christ had not SAVED us, **the flesh** would have dragged us down to the deepest, darkest, hottest places in hell. Why should we feel obligated to such an enemy? MacDonald

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**1 Cor. 3:1** (NIV) Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly...

The solicitations of the sinful nature are constant so there is a necessity of continually putting to death the deeds of the flesh. Expositor's

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**Galatians 3:26** (NIV) You are ALL sons of God THROUGH faith in Christ Jesus...

**1 John 3:1** (NIV) How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called CHILDREN of God! And that is what we are! ...

### IMPLICATIONS

→We have NO Obligation to our Sin Nature

<sup>12</sup> ...we HAVE an obligation - but it is NOT to the sinful nature, to live according to it.

**Colossians 1:13-14** (NIV) For He has RESCUED us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

→We HAVE an Obligation to Live as DEAD to sin - but ALIVE to God

<sup>18:13</sup> ...But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. (NLT)

**Romans 6:11-13** (NIV) In the same way, count yourselves DEAD to sin but ALIVE to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin REIGN in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

<sup>13</sup> **Do not OFFER** the parts of your body **to sin**, as instruments of wickedness, but rather OFFER yourselves **to God**, as those who have been brought from death to life; and OFFER the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness.

## CO-HEIRS with Jesus ~ Romans 8:15-17

<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, Abba, Father. <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

<sup>8:16</sup> The Spirit himself bears WITNESS to our spirit that we are God's children. (NET)

<sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.

**Hebrews 1:2** (NIV) ...in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed HEIR of all things, and through whom He made the universe.

<sup>8:17</sup> And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are Heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering. (NLT)

**John 15:18** (NIV) If the world HATES YOU, keep in mind that it HATED ME first.

To live as Jesus did - serving others, giving up one's rights, resisting pressures to conform to the world - always exacts a price. Nothing we suffer, however, can compare to the great price that Jesus paid to save us. LAB

**2 Timothy 3:12** (NET) Now in fact ALL who want to live godly lives IN Christ Jesus WILL BE persecuted.

## IMPLICATIONS

### →When we Believe we BECOME God's Children

<sup>15</sup> So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He ADOPTED you as his own children... (NLT)

**The Adopted Person...** Barclay

- lost all rights in their OLD family
- gained ALL the RIGHTS of a Legitimate son in his NEW family
- became a Full and EQUAL Heir
- was legally DEAD to their OLD Life

**Ephesians 1:5** (NLT) God decided in advance to ADOPT us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

**Galatians 4:4-5** (NLT) But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. <sup>5</sup> God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, SO THAT He could ADOPT us as His very own children.

## TAKE AWAY ??

### →We may not always FEEL that we are God's children

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**John 3:36** (NIV) Whoever BELIEVES in the Son HAS eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.

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**Mark 14:36** (NLT) **Abba, Father**, He cried out, everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.