

Adopted - Romans 8:12-16

We no longer have any obligation to the sinful flesh because of God's forgiveness and because of His Spirit who dwells in us.

The presence and leadership of the Holy Spirit in our lives is proof that we have been adopted as the children of God.

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was helpful, confusing, or challenging from this study of God's Word?
2. As Christians, why do we have no obligation to live according to the sinful flesh?
3. Is there an example from your own life where you formerly felt obligated or enslaved to a sinful pattern but now know that you are not under this obligation?
4. What does the Spirit lead us to do according to verse 13?
5. What are those who are led by the Spirit away from sin demonstrated to be in verse 14?
6. Do you think Paul is saying that we become God's sons and daughters by acting like sons and daughters or that we increasingly live as sons and daughters because we have actually been made His sons and daughters? Why is it important that we get this right?
7. Do you think of yourself as God's child and of Him as your Father? What helps you to think this way?
8. Before we were Christians we were enslaved to sin and fear (8:15). How has viewing God as a loving Father rescued you from living in fear?
9. What other encouragement do you receive from knowing that God is your Father?
10. What should your attitude toward God be like as you remember that He is your Father?