

Sermon Questions

Heirs of a Wealthy Father
Romans 8:12-17
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CONNECT:

- Have you been affected by adoption? What's the story?

GROW:

Read our passage for this week: Romans 8:12-17

- Verse 12 ESV translates as "we are not debtors to the flesh." Another translation of the word "debtors" (opheiletes) is "obligation." How does using "we are not obligated to the flesh" help clarify what is meant here?
- Read Romans 8:13 again. How do you put to death the deeds of the body? In other words, in who's power? How can you do that? (Hint: John 8:31)
- We learn this week that true Christians have spiritual growth. Have you seen evidence of this in your life? In what ways?
- What are the dangers of evaluating spiritual growth in someone else's life?
- Have you ever experienced a time of spiritual backsliding resulting in discipline from the Lord? What happened? How can discipline remind you that nothing can separate you from the love of God?
- Adoption into God's family allows us to call God "Abba" (Daddy). What are the implications of being able to pray in this way? How does God feel about you?

GO:

- Spend time this week reflecting on your spiritual growth. How have you grown? Are there areas of your life that need to be surrendered? Repented of?

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All who, by faith receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, are adjusted as spiritual children of God (Romans 8:12-17).

All who, by faith, receive Jesus as Savior and Lord will ultimately persevere in one's faith—the Perseverance of the Saints (Romans 8:12–14; Romans 8:37–39).

- Those who believe in the Perseverance of the Saints acknowledges that true Christ followers (too often) backslide (1 Corinthians 3:1–4, 1 Corinthians 5)
- Those who believe in the Perseverance of the Saints acknowledges that God sometimes disciplines His spiritual children, due to growing sin, to re-awaken our desire to please God (Hebrews 12:4–11).
- Those who believe in the Perseverance of the Saints even acknowledge that God has removed some of His spiritual children from this earth to prevent him/her from further spiritual decay (1 Corinthians 11).

All who, by faith receive Jesus as Savior and Lord are granted an intimate relationship with God. We are adopted as His forever daughters and sons (Romans 8:15).