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SEPTEMBER 11 - 17 [WEEK 37]  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 [DAY181]



Adoption

**READ:** John 1:12-13

<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—  
<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

**THINK ABOUT IT:** What does it mean to be born of God?

**READ:** DD-181

**READ:** Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.  
<sup>6</sup> Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."  
<sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

**THINK DEEPER:** What does it mean that you are an heir?



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 [DAY182]



How Does Sanctification Differ from Justification?

**READ:** Romans 5:1-2

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** How are we Justified?

**READ:** DD-182

**READ:** Philippians 2:12

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

**THINK DEEPER:** What does it mean to continue to work out your salvation?



SEPTEMBER 11 - 17 [WEEK 37]  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 [DAY183]



## Three Uses of the Law

**READ:** Romans 7:7-13

*<sup>7</sup>What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."<sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead.<sup>9</sup> Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died.<sup>10</sup> I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death.<sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death.<sup>12</sup> So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.<sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** What do these verses tell us the law did for us?

**READ:** DD-183

**READ:** Galatians 3:24-25

*<sup>24</sup>So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.*

**THINK DEEPER:** What does it mean that we are no longer under a guardian? How is the Law still useful to us?



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 [DAY184]



## Trusting vs. Trying

**READ:** Romans 4:4-5

*<sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup>However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** What is the difference between Trying and Trusting?

**READ:** DD-184

**READ:** Proverbs 3:5-6

*<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
<sup>6</sup>in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.*

**THINK DEEPER:** How can we trust the Lord more?



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 [DAY 185]



## Good Works and Salvation

**READ:** Ephesians 2:8-10

*<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** What is the relationship between faith and works?

**READ:** DD-185

**READ:** James 2:17-18

*<sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.*

**THINK DEEPER:** Do you tip the scale more towards faith or deeds? How can you balance these things better?