
The Gospel, Week 7 Small Group Questions

Aaron Jayne, April 7 & 8, 2018

What Else Does the Bible Say?

- Ephesians 1:4-8 says: “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us.” When you know and believe that you have been chosen by God because of *who you are*, not for what you do, how does that impact your faith, personally, each day?

How Do I Make It Work?

- Would you describe your relationship with God more as Landlord/Tenant, or Father/Child? Please explain. What steps can you take to establish or maintain your relationship with God as Father/Child?

- Do you have a sense of “awe” or “joy” when you think of who God is and how He feels about you? How does your belief impact the way you worship Him?

- Do you ever doubt the extravagant love of God? If so, how do you accept and receive His love?

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(Luke 4:18 NKJV) “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor... “

TWO WAYS TO APPROACH GOD:

1. The _____ Way
2. The _____ Way

THE BASIS OF PRAYER: OUR FATHER

(Matthew 6:7-15 NLT) “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! Pray like this: Our Father ...

TWO DIFFERENT PRAYERS:

1. _____ Prayer
2. _____ Prayer

TWO BASES OF RELATIONSHIPS:

1. _____ Relationship — What I _____ you.
2. _____ Relationship — What I _____ you.

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THE DOCTRINE OF ADOPTION

(John 1:12) Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

(John 17:23) ...Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

(Hebrews 4:14,16) Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess... Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

1. Understanding adoption is the only real way to _____.

(1 John 3:1) See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

2. Understanding adoption is the only real way to _____.

(Matthew 6:11) Give us today our daily bread.

What is the Holy Spirit Saying to Me?

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A Little About Me

- What's on your Spring cleaning "to-do" list that you wish you could delegate away?

Reflection

- What resonated most with you from last week's message, and why?

What Else Does the Bible Say?

- Romans 8:15 says: "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." Can you recall a time when you lived and prayed like a slave as Paul talked about here? How has understanding your adoption into God's family changed your prayer life?"

- John 1:12 tells us that children of God are those people that receive God and believe in His name. Knowing that you are a child of God because you are a believer, how does that make you respond to nonbelievers?
