

Romans 8- Adoption

What would it be like to have no family? Imagine having no one to take care of you. No Grandparents. No Father. No Mother. No Uncles or Aunts. No Brothers or Sisters. You have no one. How would you do without your family?

Without Jesus in your life, you are also without a family. You do not belong to the family of God. You have no one who lifts you up in your darkest moments. You have no one to hold you when you are broken. You are fatherless.

When you surrender your life to Jesus Christ and make him your master, the Lord also becomes your Father. He has adopted you. You were an orphan, without a family, but when you give your life to Christ, he brings you into his royal family. He makes you his son or daughter. You will sit at the royal table and eat and drink with him. He will proudly call you “my child.”

Once you are in God’s family, there is nothing that can take you out of it. You are secured. You are forever his. No one can take you away from him. He will always be your father. You are eternally his son and daughter.

Romans 8:14-15 reads, “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba, Father.”

When you believe in Christ and surrender your life to him, you receive a family. You receive a father that you can call “Abba,” meaning daddy. You are no longer isolated. You are his. You receive brothers and sisters who are in the church. They become a family that loves you, encourages you, and pushes you toward Christ.

God, the heavenly father, is greater than any human father. He is patient, loving, compassionate, and merciful. He is always looking out for your good. He desires an intimate relationship with you. You get to call him “Daddy.” You can come to him at any moment. You can confess any sin. He listens. He forgives. He disciplines. He restores. There is no father like God.

Questions to Consider:

1. What would it be like to have no family?
2. What kind of family do you get when you surrender your life to Christ?
3. Is there anything that can take you away from his family?
4. How is God a greater father than any earthly father?