THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION

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Introducing The Holy Spirit, part 5 of 6

BIG IDEA: When we trust Jesus to save us, we are adopted into his very own family—into one of belonging, affection and inheritance. The Holy Spirit comes to dwell within us and make this real to us.

[15] 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!" [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God…

"greater is <u>He who is in you</u> than he who is in the world." **1 John 4:4** NAS

1. **The Holy Spirit <u>AWAKENS</u> us to the reality that we are valued, deeply loved, adopted in and now part of God's very own family.** (Eph. 1:5)

   "the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. <u>It was like a daughter to him</u>." **2 Samuel 12:3**

[17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

- **It is an inheritance with God after you take your last breath—eternal life**.

  "when you believed you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory." **Ephesians 1:13-14** LEB (Rom. 8:23; Mt. 25:34; Heb. 9:15; 1 Peter 1:4)

- **The Spirit brings the age-to-come—the future—into the now.** (Col. 1:13; Mt. 12:28; Luke 17:21)

2. **God's indwelling Spirit is the <u>FIRST INSTALLMENT</u> of a massive inheritance that awaits us and continues to break in until the day we take full possession of it.**

[14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

3. **The Spirit of God will lead anyone who <u>WANTS TO BE LED</u> and will let him lead.** ***Do you want his leadership? Will you let him lead?***

   "For those who live according to the flesh (won't last, mortal, weak) set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." **Romans 8:5-6** ESV

When we are not experiencing life and peace, it is likely an indicator of where our thoughts and mindset are aimed.