

GOD FOR US: A Study in Romans 8

Sons of God - Romans 8:12-17

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I. The Sons of God mortify the desires of the flesh (vs. 12-13)

- You are not in debt to the flesh.
- You are “mortifying” sin; this is a continual action, not a done deal.
- “Be killing sin or it will be killing you.” --John Owen
- This does not mean that you can lose your salvation (8:29-30), but it is assumed that those who possess the Holy Spirit will do this.
- Do you hate sin?

II. The Sons of God cry out “Abba! Father!” (vs. 14-16)

- Our obedience is not done out of fear.
- We are no longer slaves, but are now adopted sons (Gal. 4:5-6).
- We cry out to God in the midst of our struggles.
- Does your spirit cry out to God as a father?

III. The Sons of God receive their inheritance through suffering (vs. 17)

- We inherit the world (Rom. 4:13; Gal. 3:29).
- We inherit God himself (Rev. 21:3; Ps. 73:25-26; Ps. 16:11).
- We inherit our reward through suffering.

KNOW: If you have the Holy Spirit you are a child of God and nothing can separate you from him.

DO: Look at the Bible so that you can know for certain that you are a child of God. Find the specific marks, measures, and promises so that you can rest in the love of your heavenly Father.

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Romans 8

1. Read all of chapter 8. What seems to be the repeated themes?
2. What are some sins in your life that you need to kill? What are some steps that you can take today to weaken them and put them to death? What scriptures can you apply to them?
3. What is the difference between an obedience that stems from fear and that which stems from affection?
4. Why do you think that God allows his children to suffer?
5. How does suffering prepare us for our inheritance?
6. What other scriptures can you use to gain assurance in your adoption as a child of God?
7. Where is the line between presumption in your salvation and assurance in your salvation?