

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT – Part 2: Adoption

INTRODUCTION

- What is the engine of the Spirit filled life? _____

WE ARE DEBTORS

- Debtor can be viewed in three different ways:
- Fin _____, asking for for _____ of debt; M _____ failing; Having your life s _____ by another.
- One way to deal with the debt of being saved is to do harm to one's self. What's the other way? _____
- On the cross, Jesus said, "Tetelestai." (It is f _____). The debt has been paid in f _____
- Living a life unto Jesus is a pr _____ . Sin doesn't want to stay dead.
- We rely on the Holy Spirit to con _____ put to death the things of the body so we live a life ple _____ unto the Lord.

WE ARE ADOPTED

- The only way for a person to become a _____ of God is through _____ in Jesus Christ. (John 1:12-13)
- Adoption is, in one sense, a l _____ transaction. How? _____
- When you become a child of God, you belong, are loved fu _____. You are ch _____ by
- God the F _____ through Jesus Christ His Son through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The one big problem is that we don't often trust God's declaration. We often feel like fo _____ children and live in constant fe _____.
- In Christ Jesus, you are home with your Father who will n _____ leave you or abandon you. He is your Father fo _____.

WE ARE HEIRS

- What's the potential problem of relying solely on your own personal testimony?

- We need _____ testimony! It is the _____ who bears witness with our spirit.
- It is the Holy Spirit who points you again and to the c _____ and to God's w _____. Read again Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- How is your inheritance with Jesus different than an earthly inheritance? (1 Peter 1:4; Col 1:12-14)

HEAR & APPLY THE WORD

- **Think of how great a debtor you are.**
 - What is it to live your life in honor of Jesus?
- **Reflect on your adoption.**
 - Not just kind of part of the family, but fully so that you cry, Abba! Father!
- **Rejoice in your inheritance.**



How to Prepare for The Lord's Supper

In order that you may receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner you should carefully consider what you must now believe and do.

From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; This is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins;" you should believe that Jesus Christ is present with His body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words, "For the remission of sins," you should also believe that Jesus gives to you His body and blood to strengthen your assurance that your sins are forgiven. And, finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says: "Take, eat; Drink of it, all of you; This do in remembrance of me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He has commanded, then you have properly examined yourselves and may eat Christ's body and drink His blood in a worthy manner. You should, also, unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus, with the whole Christian Church, have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father give you His

Sermon Notes

Scripture Readings
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Pew Bible page numbers

Genesis 15:1-6
p. 12

Romans 8:12-17
p. 1122

John 1:9-13
p. 1053

The Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a remembrance. We believe that in the Lord's Supper Christ Jesus is truly present in body and blood, given in bread and wine for us to eat and drink. We also believe it is a means by which we receive true forgiveness of sin.

The Lord's supper is for those who are baptized and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.

 Learn more on how to prepare for
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