“Are You Saved?”

Romans 8:8-17

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E. The Holy Spirit _____ “Abba, Father” from within us.

“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.”

Romans 8:15 (NIV)

1. The practice of adoption in Roman culture and how it speaks about our adoption into salvation.

   a. The child was freely _____ to be adopted.

   “For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you,”

   1 Thessalonians 1:4 (NIV)

   “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—"

   Ephesians 1:4-5 (NIV)

   b. The adoption price was _____.

   “You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.”

   1 Corinthians 6:19c-20 (NIV)

   c. The adopted child received a new _____ and all past obligations and debts were removed.

   “Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God’s very own family, citizens of God’s country, and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”

   Ephesians 2:19 (TLB)

   “He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.”

   Colossians 2:13c-14 (NIV)

   d. The adopted child was made an _____ of his new parents with full rights of inheritance.

   “Now if we are children, then we are heirs”

   Romans 8:17a (NIV)

   e. The adopted child could not be _____.

   “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in

him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)

2. The picture of our adoption as sons (salvation) as seen in the adoption of Mephibosheth by King David.

(2 Samuel 9)

"Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

Ephesians 2:2:3b-5 (NIV)

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

Psalm 23:5a (NIV)

"And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Luke 22:29-30 (NIV)

3. The proclamation of the Holy Spirit cries "Abba, Father" from within the adopted (believer).

"Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, *"Abba*, Father."

Galatians 4:6 (NIV)

a. The spirit of sonship gives me a close personal _____ with God.

"The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

John 10:2-3 (NIV)

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."

John 10:14-15 (NIV)

"They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch. "Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. *"Abba*, Father," he said, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

(Mark 14:32, 34-36 (NIV)

b. The Spirit of Sonship gives me a compelling desire to be _____ God.

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God."

Psalm 42:1 (NIV)

c. The Spirit of Sonship frees me from _____ and _____.

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, … 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."

Romans 8:1,15 (NIV)

d. The Spirit of Sonship draws me to _____ with the Father in prayer.

"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."

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

e. The Spirit of Sonship leads me to _____ _____ to God in longing, trust and dependance.

"In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears."

Psalm 18:6 (NIV)

"The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;"

Psalm 34:15 (NIV)