

MIND SET

ADOPTED BY GRACE (Romans 8:12-17)
Talk-it-Over Notes | June 20-21, 2026

REVIEW IT

This week we explore the transformative truth that believers are adopted by grace into God's family. God is not an impersonal force but a loving Father who personally chooses, loves, and redeems us. Through the Spirit, Christians are assured of their identity as God's children, able to call Him "Abba." Adoption brings security, intimacy, and a new inheritance, making believers co-heirs with Christ. By the Spirit we can live out this new identity with confidence, reflecting God's character and Christ-likeness.

Spend some time in the word: Read Romans 8:12-17

TALK ABOUT IT

1. *J.I. Packer wrote: "What is a Christian? The question can be answered in many ways, but the richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father... If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father."* — In what ways does understanding God as a loving Father, rather than a distant force or impersonal power, shape your relationship with Him?
2. The sermon emphasized that adoption into God's family is received, not achieved. How does this truth affect the way you view your own worth and the way you approach God?
3. The Holy Spirit is working to bring about Holiness in our lives. The goal of the Holy Spirit is to produce children of God who have family characteristics. Who are like their Father and like the firstborn son, Jesus Christ. The purpose of the death and resurrection of Christ was to go back to heaven, having provided sufficient atonement, and send the Holy Spirit for the purpose of regenerating, justifying, sanctifying, and glorifying those who believe.

The Holy Spirit is bringing about holiness. When the Holy Spirit comes to mind...
Is this what comes to mind?

4. As adopted sons and daughters, we are called to reflect the character of our Father. What are practical ways you can demonstrate the family likeness of Christ in your relationships and community this week?

ACT ON IT

Memorize this verse... 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

PRAY ABOUT IT

Take time to ask how you can pray for and support one another in prayer. Then, close in prayer.