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GRACE

CHANGES EVERYTHING



WEEK 4 | Grace Changes Everything

PRAYER

Loving Father, thank you for Your wonderful words of wisdom in Scripture, and may I become so firmly grounded in the truth of Your Word and the glory that is revealed, that I can place the sufferings of this present time in their correct perspective, in Jesus name I pray, Amen.

From [Prayer Knowing Jesus](#)

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

What is the most valuable thing that a FATHER can pass onto their child?

NOTES

WORD

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh 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. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

[ROMANS 8:1-11](#)

I remember a very dear friend, who was a missionary, who had adopted a little girl. This is a wonderful couple who poured themselves into this little girl, but they never seemed to be able to bring her instinctively to call him "Daddy." And then, I remember that he told me, one day she appeared at his desk with her shoe, a little shoe in her hand, and she spoke the magic words, "Daddy, my lace is broken." I wanted to say to him, "You would have bought an entire shoe shop for that girl at that point, wouldn't you?"

Because now the instinct was there. The reality was true, but the instinct was not there. This is the wonderful thing that the gospel tells us: that the Father not only brings us into His family and gives us a new status, but He sends His Holy Spirit into our hearts to give us a new sense of who He is and, therefore, who we are. And so you remember in Romans chapter 8... the Apostle Paul says that we've not only been given a new status, but we have received the Spirit of adoptive sonship, and through Him we cry, "Abba, Father."

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 being never/not at all and 10 being always/extremely) how would you rate your growth living your life aware of Spiritual matters around you? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. Verse 14 compares to spirit of slavery to the Spirit of adoption as sons. What is the difference between a slave and an adopted child? Why should/shouldn't that matter to you?
3. What does it mean to you to be adopted into God as his children? How might your understanding of adoption play out in the way that you view and take action towards parentless children in the city/nation you live in?
4. What does it mean to be heirs of God and heirs with Christ? Why is this important? What do you inherit in both this life and for all eternity?
5. Would you like to trust God and that he has adopted you as his child through faith in Him. Would you like to receive the gift of God's grace, and enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your lifegroup leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER