

GOD'S KIDS

ROMANS 8:14-16

THE WONDERFUL WORK OF ADOPTION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Paul explains in three wonderful ways our intimate and permanent relationship to God. As His beloved children, we are in fact ***GOD'S KIDS***.

- 1.** As His kids, we are led by His Spirit.
- 2.** As His kids, we are given access to our Abba Father.
- 3.** As His kids, we have inner assurance and peace.

1. AS GOD'S KIDS, WE ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT v. 14

It is important to note the tense Paul uses here, “*are being led*,” indicating that which already exists.

- **IT STATES A FACT.** The genuine believer’s life is characterized by the Spirit’s leading; not *might* be led, but rather actually *is* led.
- **Example:** We experience God’s conviction of our consciences when we sin. We have the divine assurance that we *are sons of God* because only the indwelling **Spirit of God** can instill such understanding, conviction, and godly sorrow.

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES GOD'S KIDS HUNGER FOR HIS TRUTH, HIS WORD

God's Spirit sovereignly leads His children through His Word in two primary ways that are direct and unique.

- ***In the first way, God leads His children by illumination,*** by divinely clarifying His Word to make it understandable to our finite and still sin-tainted minds.
- The second major way in which the Spirit leads God's children is by our ***sanctification through the Word.***

2. AS GOD'S KIDS, WE ARE GIVEN ACCESS TO ABBA FATHER BY THE SPIRIT v. 15

God makes certain His children *know* they are His children; we get to call Him, “Daddy!”

- Because of His Spirit dwelling in our hearts, we are always privileged to come before God as our Father.
- **ADOPTION BY GOD MEANS** the adopted child attains all the rights and privileges of a member of the family born of flesh and blood—because we have been born again—into His eternal family.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF OUR ADOPTION

Mephibosheth, the crippled son of Jonathan and the sole remaining descendent of Saul. **2 SAM. 9:1-13**

- The very name Mephibosheth means “a shameful thing.”
- David brought this outcast to dine at his table as his own son and graciously granted him a magnificent inheritance to which he was no longer legally entitled.

WE ARE NOT SECOND-CLASS KIDS!

3. AS HIS KIDS, WE HAVE ASSURANCE AND PEACE v. 16

- Just as the witnesses to a Roman adoption had the responsibility of testifying to its validity, so the indwelling *Holy Spirit Himself* is constantly present to provide inner testimony to our divine adoption.
- Whenever the world, other Christians, or we ourselves question that we are truly saved, we can appeal to the indwelling Spirit to settle the question in our hearts and He will give us peace!

DON'T LET ANYBODY TELL YOU DIFFERENT

God wants us to be secure in our salvation.

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***WHAT A BLESSING TO BE THE KING'S KIDS.
DON'T FORGET WHO YOU ARE!***