



No Longer Slaves But Sons

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TODAY'S READING: Romans 8

Romans 8:12-17 parallels Galatians 4:1-7. I learned several things about adoption in studying both passages:

Nobody adopted children Jesus' day. Adoption took place for one of two reasons: 1) because the couple did not have a child and there was a stigma attached to that. People thought you were not blessed by God if you did not have children; and 2) because the family did not have a suitable heir to inherit the family's estate when the parents died. Parents did not adopt children because they did not know how the children would turn out when they grew up.

Only young men were adopted (there may have been a girl adopted, but it was highly unusual). There was a Roman law that once you were adopted it could not be reversed. And even though the parents may have had children they may have thought their birth children were deserving to become heir and leader of the family.

Some interesting facts about adoption:

- You received a new name.
- All your debts and your family debts were paid in full.
- Everything pertaining to the new family was now yours.
- It could not be reversed.

They are the same when it comes to salvation into the family of God:

- We receive a new name and that name is written on our hearts.
- All our sinful debts are wipe away.
- Everything that Jesus is we now can be.
- Our salvation cannot be reversed.

Verses 16-17 tell us one of the awesome things about our adoption into God's family. *"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him."*

PRAYER: Lord, thank You we have been adopted into Your family and we are no longer slaves but heirs.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

TOMORROW'S READING: Romans 9

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