



## Daddy

*By Derek Kiser on June 11, 2021*

### **TODAY'S READING:** Romans 8

As of a month ago, I am a dad of two boys. Being a parent brings interesting perspective on some things I did not have before. My oldest, Jackson, will be three in August and my youngest, Eli, is only a month old. When I read passages like Romans 8:12-17, I see them a little differently now. I am not a big fan when my sons cry. For the youngest, crying is a regular occurrence. It is not as concerning when he cries, because he cannot talk. The oldest is tougher and he does not cry as often. When Jackson says "Dada" or "Daddy" and asks me something in his sweet little two-year-old voice, it is difficult not to give in. My wife often picks on me because I cave when he cuddles up and asks me for something in a clearly manipulative way.

This passage discusses the idea of adoption. My brother-in-law is adopted, so our family understands taking someone out of a bad scenario and bringing them into a loving family. Most of us understand this when we think of adoption here on earth. However, we might not often think of spiritual adoption (vs. 15). God saw me as a slave to my own sin, separated from Him by my sin, and brought me into His family through Jesus Christ. He picked me, He chose me, He brought me into His family to love and care for me. I can now call God "Abba" (Daddy) and so can you. In the same way I show my sons love, God shows us in a perfect way through His Spirit that we are His sons and are loved by our Heavenly Father (vs. 16). We will see our Heavenly Father one day and be ecstatic in heaven, but we do not need to doubt His love for us now. Looking to the cross should always be a cure for that.

**PRAYER:** God, thank you for adopting me from my sinful lifestyle and saving me and bringing me into Your family. Thank You for daily reminding me I am Yours and in You I am loved. Remind me daily of the cross.

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

**MONDAY'S READING:** Romans 9

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