

Questions

Life: A Hero's Story

Part 2: The Rescued Life/Sermon 1: Born to Be His Child

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Key Texts: John 6:28-29; Romans 10:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Gal 3:27; 2 Cor. 6:18; Romans 8:14; Gal 4:7; John 1:12;

1. What are the works of God? (ref. John 6:28-29)
 - a. What does it mean to “believe in Him whom He has sent”?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 and describe what it means to be a “new creation”.
3. How do you identify with God? As a “servant of God” - “friend of God” or “child of God”
 - a. Explain the differences in all three.
 - b. Do you believe your relationship with God is based on performance, or love and grace? Why or why not?
4. Maybe you are a little scared by the idea of God being your Father. Maybe you had an absentee dad or one that was not attentive. Maybe, you had a dad that was physically or verbally abusive. A broken relationship with a dad is an unfortunate reality for some. But this is not how God intended a dad to be.
 - a. Describe your relationship with your earthly father and how it influenced the way you view your Heavenly Father.
 - b. Do you have a hard time believing your Heavenly Father is madly in love with you? Why or why not?
 - c. Do you believe God has left you to fend for yourself? Why or why not?
5. What would you give your kids so that they would succeed, be safe, be secure?
6. Describe what it means to have the Holy Spirit living in you? (ref. 1 Corinthians 6:19)
7. Explain what it means to you to be adopted into the family of God? (ref. Romans 8: 14-17; 2 Corinthians 6:18)
8. After reading the following passages from “The Message” translation, describe how this translation sheds light on our relationship with God, His Spirit, and how it relates to our daily life.

Scripture Romans 8:9-17 MSG

But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells—even though you still experience all the limitations of sin—you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

12-14 So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

15-17 This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!