

NOTES:

If you have surrendered to Jesus, you are a child of God—you are His son or daughter. God wants this parenting relationship with you because He loves you. That means that we are now part of the same family as Jesus. This is a radical statement because we have joined Jesus in His family! Jesus is not ashamed to have us as brothers and sisters. In fact, He delights in teaching us who our Father is.

In Romans, Paul defines being of children of God as those who are lead by the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit has come in our lives to empower us to rule over the sins that have ruled over us. As a child of God, you cannot be happy with sin in your life, we must begin to resist our fleshly desires and grow into our new appetite for the life of the Lord.

The word *abba* is an Aramaic word that means papa or daddy. This is one of the most intimate relationships you can have. You can be childlike with God and talk with Him about your dreams or fears without having any condemnation come back on you from your Father.

We are co-heirs of God along side of Jesus. This is a difficult concept to grasp. Jesus didn't just die to restore Adam and Eve to their original fellowship with God. He has gone beyond and given us the ability to rule along side of Jesus. All that Jesus has purchased for us is available to us as we follow Him through attacks, temptations, and trials.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What has helped you see yourself as a son or daughter of God?

Why is it important is it to understand that you are now part of the same family as Jesus?

Why does God so delight in diversity?

Read this statement out loud: "Jesus is not ashamed of you." What does it mean to hear that said about you?

How has the Father reshaped your appetite to be focused on what He has for you in the past year?

How does the freedom of being intimate with the Father change your prayers?

VERSES:

Hebrews 2:5-13

5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. 6 But there is a place where someone has testified:

"What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him? 7 You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor 8 and put everything under their feet."

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. 9 But we do see Jesus, who was made

lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10 In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. 11 Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. 12 He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises."

13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

Romans 8:12-17

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.