

**YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST: THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK OF ADOPTION**  
**ROMANS 8:12-17**  
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Our adoption into God's family by the Holy Spirit is the foundation of true identity.

**The Need for Our Adoption**

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. - Romans 8:12

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. - Romans 8:13

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. - Romans 8:14

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. - Romans 8:5

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. - Romans 8:6

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. - John 3:5

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again,'" - John 3:6-7

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**"The gift of sonship is the highest privilege of redemption and the primary work of the Holy Spirit"**  
- John Calvin

**"My name is Davian Only, and I have been in foster care since I was born. I know God hasn't given up on me, so I'm not giving up either. I want to be adopted...I don't care if you're old or young, you're just a dad or just a mom, you're black, you're white, you're purple, I don't care. I want to be adopted. I just want people to love me for who I am, to grab me and keep me in their house, and to love me no matter what." - Davian Only**

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## The Outcome of Our Adoption

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" - Romans 8:15

And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." - Mark 14:36

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" - Galatians 4:6

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## The Promise of Our Adoption

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, - Romans 8:16

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. - Romans 8:17

## Children of God

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. - John 1:12

See what kind of love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. - 1 John 3:1

## Heirs of God

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, - Ephesians 1:13

who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. - Ephesians 1:14

## Fellow Heirs with Christ

...they will be priests with God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. - Revelation 20:6)

...fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him - Romans 8:17

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