

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

Rom. 8:14-17

Pt. 9

1. Adoption is about belonging to something centered on God the Father (Eph. 1:1-6; 15-17; Rom. 8:15)
2. Every blessing originates from Him and the initiative is just the good pleasure of His will, which He came up with in eternity past before anything had been created.
3. He chose the Body of Christ and its members to carry out His plan for today in the Dispensation of Grace and predetermined that they would receive the adoption of adult sons and daughters because He wanted them to participate in His business (Eph. 1:1-6).

4. This is not the Spirit of bondage that leads to fear but to Spirit of adoption--liberty and peace—that leads to enjoying an intimate relationship with our Father and His other sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters—YE—YOU ALL Rom. 8:15.

5. Our PRIMARY ministry occurs as a participant in the assembly of grace believers—mutually sharing, supporting, comforting, edifying, etc., in mutual faith (Rom. 1:11-12) one another-where opportunities always exist for service!

6. Our job is NOT to subdue and conquer the world and convert everyone around us. That is God's job.

7. Our job is to dispense God's grace, peace, blessings, truth, etc. to those around, and that is always freeing and joyful, especially among fellow grace believers.
 - a. Our contentment and joy comes the Spirit doing that through us regardless of whether it is received or rejected.
 - b. We are just saltshakers. When tribulations turn us upside down and shake us, instead of dispensing the despair and anxiety of the world, we dispense hope and joy, grace and peace.

8. The chosen Nation of Israel also has an adoption (Ex. 4:22), which she forsook at Sinai by rejecting God's grace and going under the Mosaic Law System.

--Under the Law God had to place them as children in their minority under nurses, tutors and governors. (Gal. 4:1-2; Rom. 9:2)

9. This is why Sonship Adoption is all of Grace.

a. This is why it has to be by Agape Love—everyone not considering their own things but the things of others.

b. Not keeping our things for ourselves, like a toddler in the nursery, but sharing the things we have from God with others like adults.

10. Our flesh played no role in this so we are not indebted to it but to the Spirit who leads us into our sonship position in the Father's household. (Rom. 8:12)
11. Adoption is for a purpose: It is not only from something (our previous family in Adam) but is to something (God's family) so that we can accomplish God's Purpose: The Re-establishing of His Glory in the Heavens. Eph. 2:6-7; 3:10
12. The Spirit "bears witness" together with our quickened spirit to proclaim: God is my Father!
 - a. He "bears witness" together with us not through feelings or secret messages or the circumstances of life.
 - b. He "bears witness" through the Scriptures—Rom. 3:21; Eph. 3:1-5; 2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Cor. 2:12)