

ABBA FATHER - PART 5 - EVEN MORE PRIVILEGES OF SONSHIP

Romans 8:14-17

May 29, 2022

4 truths for those who know God as Abba, Father:

Because God is our Father:

1. We No Longer Have to Fear (v. 15)

Fear of what?

- We don't need to fear condemnation.
- We don't need to fear punishment from God.

The difference between punishment and discipline:

- > Punishment may, indeed, be something we have reason to fear. Discipline, is not.
 - > Punishment is retributive. Discipline is corrective.
 - > Punishment is meant to hurt. Discipline, while it does hurt, is meant to heal, to grow.
 - > Punishment comes from God as judge. Discipline comes from God as Father. We deserve punishment from God. It would be just. Discipline has nothing to do with getting what we deserve.
- We don't need to fear death.
Hebrews 2:14-15
To live is Christ, to die is... (Philippians 1:21)
1 Corinthians 2:9
(Revelation 21:4)

Because God is our Father:

2. We Are No Longer Slaves (v. 15)

We are truly free.

John 8:32-36

- Free from the covenant of works
- Free from eternal condemnation
- Free from the ceremonial law
Romans 8:1-2

- Free from the power of Satan

2 Timothy 2:26

- Free from the dominion of sin - We are free to do what is RIGHT.

Romans 6:18, 20

Galatians 5:13

1 Peter 2:16

Because God is our Father:

3. We are Sons & Daughters of GOD! (v. 16)

Because God is our Father:

4. We are Heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ (v. 17)

What does this mean for us in life?

- We are, in a sense, owners of all creation.
(2 Corinthians 6:10)

All that we eat, all that we wear, even the sun that shines and the air we breathe, it is all ours. We "have a claim to it all, and [our] Father has given it to" us. It is here to provide enjoyment for His children. ^(à Brakel)

- Even the angels serve us.

(Hebrews 1:14)

- Christ Jesus became poor so that this all might become a reality.

2 Corinthians 8:9

- That which we can see and touch is far less than that which we will, one day, inherit spiritually.

- That which the ungodly use resists them.
(Romans 8:20, 22)

All that is used by the godly, however, will serve the purpose for which it was made.

4 differences it should make that we are heirs of all things:

Because we are heirs of all things:

1. Nothing should be allowed to become our master.

"Since you are master over all things, with what princely spirit you ought to consider everything as being subject to you. You ought not to permit anything—money, food, men, honor, or whatever it may be—to bring you under its power, have dominion over you, divert your affections, and thus bring you in subjection to it." (à Brakel)

Because we are heirs of all things:

2. We should be satisfied (content) with that which God gives us.

Hebrews 13:5

- We shouldn't be so concerned with having enough for tomorrow.

"Since you are master and possessor of the world, why are you so filled with care and anxiety, fearing that some day you will yet be in want? Why are you so busy in gathering money and goods, since they are all yours—all that has or has not been gathered by you?" (à Brakel)

- We should never steal or cheat to get what we want.

"Since you are master over everything, take special care that you do not use unlawful means to acquire your possessions, but receive everything from the hand of your Father, however much or little He may be pleased to give you for your use; it will be sufficient for you as you use the means which He has prescribed for you. An only child is heir of all the goods that are in the house of his parents. If, however, he removes something from this inheritance contrary to the will of his parents, that is wrong. Such is the case here. You may freely eat from all the trees in the garden of this world; however, be on guard for that one tree called *sin*." (à Brakel)

Because we are heirs of all things:

3. We should treat everything with the respect we give we give our own things

Because we are heirs of all things:

4. We should always remember our humble origins.

(1 Timothy 6:17)

A Truth to Remember: As adopted children of God we are co-heirs of all creation with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A Challenge to Consider: As heirs of all that we see around us, we will, one day, have to give an account for how we used (or abused it).