

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) **8:14** Being led by God's Spirit is the hallmark of true relationship with God.
- 2) **8:14** A believer who neglects God's Word, neglects prayer, neglects fellowship, and is careless about obedience will have doubts about their faith because of being indifferent to the things of God.
- 3) **8:14** In times of pain, failure or disappointment, an obedient believer can doubt the strength of their relationship and can easily slip into a questioning mode. Satan takes advantage of those circumstances to plant seeds of uncertainty.
- 4) **8:15** Sin produces fear. Slavery to sin inevitably leads to distress. But we are not slaves to that fear (2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18).
- 5) **8:15** In adoption, previous relationships are severed, a new father has authority over the child, and the child enters into the privileges and responsibilities of the new family. Through Jesus, the believer is admitted to the family and therefore can call God "Father."
- 6) **8:15** This very basic word, abba, reminds us that God is not a distant ruler; He is intimately close.
- 7) **8:16** Unaided, we cannot testify to the reality of our standing before God. The Holy Spirit testifies to our spirit and gives us assurance of our membership in the family of God.
- 8) **8:17** Suffering is an integral part of spiritual maturity. The suffering in this life creates reactions that reflect the genuine condition of the soul. God allows suffering to drive a believer to deeper dependence on Him (Luke 9:23; 2 Timothy 3:12; Hebrews 12:6; 1 Peter 4:13).
- 9) **8:17** To take a strong biblical stand for Christ is to guarantee some kind of opposition, alienation, affliction, and rejection by the world (John 15:18; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 5:10).
- 10) **8:17** The stages of salvation (regeneration, new birth, justification, sanctification, glorification) can be identified but not separated. In God's economy, they are seamlessly woven together (Romans 8:30, 38-39; Philippians 1:6; 2 Corinthians 3:18).
- 11) **8:17** God not only is the source, but is Himself our inheritance (Revelation 21:3; Matthew 25:34).
- 12) **8:17** As fellow heirs, we share in everything that Jesus owns (Hebrews 1:2, 9:15; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Titus 3:7).

GREEK WORDS

Phobos (fob'-os)—(to be put in fear); alarm or fright: - be afraid, + exceeding terror

QUOTES

"In the Lord's Prayer Jesus gives a share in this privilege to address God as abba, a share in His position as the only begotten. He empowers us to speak to our Heavenly Father literally as the small child speaks to his father, in the same confident and childlike manner. This one word abba, if it is understood in its full sense, comprehends the whole message of the gospel" ~Dr. J. Jeremias, 1959

"The ultimate purpose of salvation is to forgive and to cleanse us of our sin and to restore to us God's glory and thereby bring to Him still greater glory through the working of that sovereign act of grace. The glory that believers are destined to receive through Jesus will far surpass the glory man had before the Fall, because perfection far exceeds innocence." ~Dr. John MacArthur

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