

# An Orphan's Hope

Orphan Sunday 2017 – Pastor Jonathan Minter – November 26, 2017 – Romans 8:15-17

Romans 8:15-17 (ESV) <sup>15</sup>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!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>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.

## How spiritual adoption causes us to share in Christ's sacrifice:

### 1. From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ - we are freed from fear.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT) God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

1 John 4:18-19 (ESV) There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (NLT) For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.

### 2. From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ - we are given privilege and responsibility.

Psalms 68:5 (ESV) Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

Exodus 22:22-24 (ESV) You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

1 John 3:17-18 (ESV) But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

### 3. From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ - we are able to willingly suffer with Christ.

Luke 9:23 (NLT) Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (ESV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 18-19 (NLT) There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other...But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part!