

A Spiritual Adoption

A couple who could not have children decided to adopt. Later, God had granted them the privilege of having another child. For fear that the child that was adopted would think she was not wanted anymore they stressed their love and affection to her. Apparently they put too much emphasis on the fact of their love that the adopted child was heard to say to the infant, "I'm more important than you are, I was adopted!"

In Romans 8, Paul talks about our spiritual adoption to God. Romans 8:12-17

A. v. 14--Sons of God are led by the Spirit of God.

Gal. 5:22-25--But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, against such there is no law.

B. v. 15--Sons of God have the Spirit of Adoption, not fear.

2 Timothy 1:7--For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Isaiah 56:4-5--For thus Says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep My sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant, even to them I will give in My house and within My walls a place and a name Better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

C. v. 17--Sons of God suffer with Christ to be glorified with Him.

Philippians 3:7-11--But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. But indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ. and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

2 Timothy 3:12--Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Close: Romans 8:18--For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory with shall be revealed in us.

When we are led by the spirit of God, we can have boldness to face any problem or suffering

with full confidence that the end result will only be glory and honor.