





"RADICAL" *Family*

GROUP OR FAMILY SESSION 3

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ROMANS 8:10-19

This Week's Sermon expositis Matthew 18:1-14 and other passages
Devotions 426-431 ([podcast/video](#)) dive into Colossians 3:12-16
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CONTEXT:

The gospel entails a cosmic act of adoption. By the atoning work of the cross, sinners like us can be redeemed and looked upon by God the Father as co-heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17). This gracious act of God is mimicked on a microcosmic scale when husbands and wives adopt children who need families.

When a family experiences and abides in the biblical principles set forth by this series: a Christ-like husband, a Church-like bride, a Bible-based parenting framework, and children who honor their parents; an ideal home has been made for the orphan.

Verses 10-13 of today's text conclude the previous chapter's striking theme: Christians hoping to lead godly lives are tormented by the constant presence of the sin nature. Despite this sin, we as Christians have been adopted!

THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT:

Instead of falling back into the flesh and into fear, we who are saved may call out to our loving heavenly Father because we have been adopted by God.

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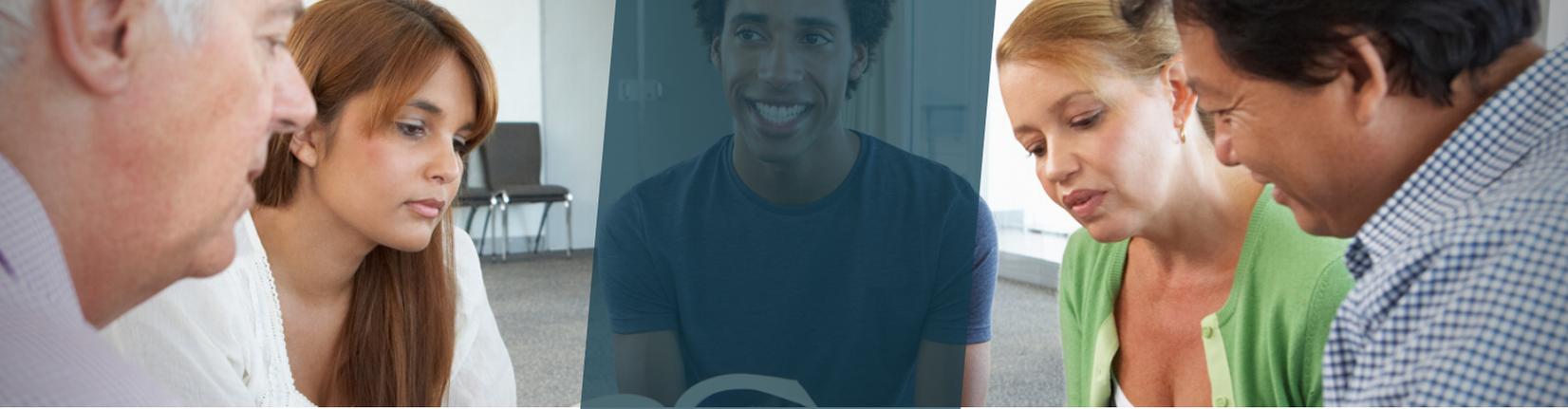
CONNECTING THIS SESSION TO THE SERMON

To say that biblical Christians are wholly anti-abortion is an accurate albeit incomplete statement. Not only are we who abide by Scripture opposed to abortion, we are in favor of adoption. Abortion is arguably the most abominable blemish on our culture's legacy and it is a good thing to speak against it, but we can do more than rebuke and rebut: we can also offer an alternative to distressed unwed mothers. When we live like radically biblical families, we "just so happen" to also provide the absolute ideal settings wherein unwanted babies can be wanted, can be loved, and can be saved!



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BIBLICAL TEXT (CSB)

Romans 8:10 Now if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through his Spirit who lives in you.

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh, 13 because if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father!" 16 The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, 17 and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed.

APPLYING OUR LIVES TO THE TEXT TOGETHER:



- Talk through the reasoning of a godly family who would knowingly and willingly adopt a child whose past is checkered with pain and challenges. Why do they go through with it?
- Before God, because of our sin, we were all once orphaned "problem children." This sin comes naturally to us and we struggle with the sin nature our whole lives (Rom.7). Now what?
- Verse 14 speaks a profound title over the Christian struggling with sin. What is that title and how does it make you feel?
- Romans 8 describes perfect adoption in the context of the gospel. When "radical" families adopt children in the legal context, things get MUCH messier. Why is that?
- Suppose that your recent struggles with old familiar sins have caused you to doubt your salvation. How would verses 15-17 correct your thinking?
- How would you rightly apply verse 18 when comforting an adoptive parent who is beyond stressed-out from the difficulties that very often arise in adoptive families?
- Has this biblical view of the parallels between the gospel and adoption caused you to become aware of opportunities for you to bless adoptive families in our church? If so, what are they?



THE TAKEAWAY

SO WHAT, CHURCH?

BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, WE NATURAL SINNERS CAN CALL GOD OUR FATHER. SO, WE WILL NOT FALL BACK INTO FEAR AND WE WILL GET BACK UP AGAIN WHEN WE FALL INTO SIN. BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, WE AS CHRISTIANS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED.

IN LIGHT OF THESE PARALLELS BETWEEN ADOPTION AND SALVATION, WE AS A CHURCH WILL:

- **CONNECT ORPHANS WITH FAMILIES**
- **PRAY FOR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES**
- **GIVE TO OUR CHURCH AS THE CHURCH HELPS ADOPTIVE FAMILIES FINANCIALLY**

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You can always call out to God the way you call out to me. In the same way that nothing could ever change the fact that you are my child, nothing could ever change the fact that we as Christians belong to God. Even when you run away from me, you are still mine. Even when we fall back into sin and fear, we still belong to God. This covenant of adoption means that we can call out to God as our Heavenly Father. He adopted us and we are His forever! Because you are my child, nothing could ever take you from me. Because we are Christians, nothing could ever take us away from God.

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