

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK OF ROMANS PART 3
WHAT DID GOD DO IN ME AT CONVERSION?

REVIEW:

- We are endeavoring to grasp a better understanding of the book of Romans by asking these 5 searching questions.
 - 1. What was my condition outside of Christ?
 - 2. What did God do to save me from that condition?
 - 3. What did God do in me when He save me?
 - 4. How then should I live?
 - 5. What does my future look like?
- Week 1 we dug into what was my condition outside of Christ?
 - We were alienated, separated, children of wrath and condemnation, Dead.
- Last week we looked into "what God did to save me from that condition apart from myself."
 - Justified, fulfilled the law, foreknew, predestinated, delivered up His Son Jesus, reconciliation.
 - Christ Died for me when I was without strength, and enemy, a sinner!

INTRO:

- Now moving on from last week, what God did outside of ourselves, now we must answer our third question;

WHAT DID GOD DO IN ME WHEN HE SAVED ME?

Misc. verses. Here are some misc. verses in no particular order.

- **He made me Alive.**
 - **Rom. 6:4 & 5;** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His resurrection*,
 - **Rom. 6:11 & 13** but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. 13; dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **Put peace in my heart:**
 - Rom. 5:1; therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- **He poured out His love in my heart.**
 - Rom. 5:5; Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- **He put the fruit of reconciliation** in our hearts, that is **acceptance** with God and the ability to commune and have a relationship with Him.
 - **Rom. 5:10-11;** For if when we were enemies we were **reconciled** to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been **reconciled**, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the **reconciliation**.
- **He destroyed the power, dominion and bondage and strangle hold of sin** in me.
 - **Rom. 6:11, 12, 14;** Likewise, you also, reckon yourselves to be **dead** **indeed to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12, Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body**, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13, And **do not present your members** as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14, For sin **shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but under grace.
- **God put gifts within us.**
 - **Rom. 12:6-8;** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them:* if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
- **Gave us the Spirit:**
 - **Rom. 8:9-11;** But you are not in the flesh but **in the Spirit**, if indeed the **Spirit of God dwells in you**. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if **Christ is in you**, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. But if the **Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
- **GOD HAS GIVEN US THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION.**
 - **Rom. 8:15;** For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

NOW WE HAVE TO LOOK CLOSER AT TWO THINGS REGARDING WHAT GOD DID IN US WHEN WE WERE BORN AGAIN THAT THESE VERSES TOUCH ON:

1) THE TRINITY: **Verses 9-11** these verses are full of the Title "Spirit" 6x in the 3 verses.

In verses 9 we see,

- The Christian is in the Spirit. That is living, moving, obeying the Spirit.
- The Christian is not only in the Spirit, but the Spirit is in him. (vs 9)

- The Christian is in the Spirit because the Spirit is in him.
- Notice also that the Christian is in the Spirit not Adam.
- In vs 9 the Spirit is titled "Spirit of God."
- Then later in the verse the title is the Spirit of Christ.
- **VS. 10:**
 - If Christ is in us. It is a rhetorical "if" not so much a question, more of a factual statement.
 - we see; Christ in us, and the Spirit is life. (Restate with small spirit & alive?)
- **VS. 11:** We see;
 - The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead, Who raised Christ from the dead? "The Father."
 - Although this could also be shown to be the Father and the Son.
 - So, my point here is the Trinity is plainly seen here, The Spirit of the Father, The Spirit of Christ, and the Holy Spirit dwelling in us.
 - Jn. 14:20; At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.
 - These terms seem to be interchangeable.
 - They declare the equality and unity of the 3 Persons of the Holy Trinity.
- Notice also the word "dwells" in vs 9; meaning to take up residence. Not a fleeting passing through.
 - 1 Cor. 6:19; do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
- And the purpose of this indwelling?
 - **Eph. 3:16-18**, To be strengthened to know, comprehend God!
 - Conformed and made holy, not just forgiven.

2) **ADOPTION: Verse 15**

1. from huios, meaning "a son," and thesis, "a placing," "to place," signifies the place and condition of a son, given to one to whom it does not naturally belong.
 2. The word is used by the Apostle Paul only. And that only 5X
 3. that relationship which God was pleased to establish between himself and the Israelites whom He created and adopted, in preference to all other nations
 4. the nature and condition of the true disciples in Christ, who by receiving the Spirit of God into their souls become sons of God
- The Christian has received the Spirit of adoption. (capital "S")
 - Gal. 4:6
 - When we are born again, the Spirit comes in, making us alive, and witnesses that we have been adopted and accepted in to the family of God, there is a oneness that He brings us into and puts in our heart.

- A oneness and a sense of adoption. Bringing family affections and devotion toward God. We are One'd..
- We are made members of the household of God, having been given a new nature, the nature of God, thus making us members of His household.
 - Eph. 2:19; Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
- There is a legal element to this, a new standing and position as an heir.
- Picture a courtroom scene where an adoption is taking place.
- They stand before the judge, and here the Judge is the Father and the adopting party is the Father.
- We have been placed, added to Him By the coming of the Spirit into us and are from this time forward loved and cared for and share in that same love that the Father has for His own Son.
 - **Jn. 17:23**, I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.
- It is almost impossible to grasp the deep fact that one of the most miraculous and marvelous things that happened to us in redemption is that we became children of the living God, members of His family, brothers with Christ through this adoption. Joint heirs with Christ.
 - But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- The Spirit that God placed in us at conversion is the Spirit of His own Son.
- It is wonderful beyond our comprehension that God the infinite and eternal should desire to adopt people who have been born in sin and filled with iniquity being enemies and then bring us into His family. (Father Son and Holy Spirit.)
 - 1 Jn. 3:1 Behold what manner of love is this??
- May the Lord the Spirit make this a reality in our hearts and not just an intellectual embrace, but a life changing embrace in all of us.
- We received in us by grace alone at conversion the Spirit of adoption, and we are lead, impassioned to cry out "abba Father."
- **Abba:** Aramaic for Father. It is a filial expression used by a child to his father.
- Filial, a natural affection flowing from the heart to its parents' heart.
- Interesting that the slaves among the Jews were not allowed to use the term abba with regards to his master, only the children of a freeman were allowed to use the term.
- The apostle using it here reminds us that we are no longer slaves, we no longer have the spirit of bondage again to fear.
- *The Pharisees replaced the wonder and love for God with the love of self, laws and legalism.*

- *As they did so they continued to distance themselves from God. The less we know about a living spiritual experience with God, one of two things will happen*
 - 1) *We will become formal and the more formal the church becomes, the deader it becomes. Sadly, most of the congregation will not be unaware of it.*
 - 2) *The busier the church will become, replacing the Holy Spirit with programs, events and entertainments.*
- *Spurgeon warned years ago saying in an article he wrote in 1888 entitled, "feeding sheep or amusing goats. A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding and leading the church, the church will have clowns entertaining the goats.*
- The spirit of bondage is the spirit of a slave; we are freed from slavery and are liberated and entitled to use the title freely. (Jesus in Gethsemane, MK. 14:36)
- CRY: It is a very strong word meaning a "loud cry." It expresses deep emotion fervency, earnestness and importunity. (Gal. 4:6)
- Use of the loud cry of a raven.
- These 3 words used together; "Cry Abba Father." emphasize and convey the idea that we are speaking to someone whom we know deeply and personally, beyond intellectual or doctrinally.
- All this is the possible privilege of a true child of God.
- It is not religious but relational, no longer a God of distance, no longer a relationship of bondage or fear but place of love and acceptance, bound in love.

God Himself has established this cry, the invitation to come unto Him,

2:8-13;

1: 2-4 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—
For ^[b]your love *is* better than wine.

³ Because of the fragrance of your good ointments,
Your name *is* ointment poured forth;
Therefore the virgins love you.

⁴ Draw me away!
We will run after ^[c]you.

5:16, His mouth *is* most sweet,
Yes, he *is* altogether lovely.
This *is* my beloved,
And this *is* my friend,