

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: ADOPTED=WANTED

I RUIN II **REDEMPTION** III REJECTION IV RESPONSEABILITY
ROMANS 8:12-17 ~ MAY 14, 2017

Adoption

Ephesians 1:5

Sons PARTICIPATE in purity

**Sons CELEBRATE their
relationship with God**

1 John 4:19

Sons SUFFER like Jesus

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Comforter

Helper

Counselor

***NEXT WEEK: Romans 8:18-30**

Questions for the Community

1. Describe a time you've been unsure in the love of someone close. What were the results of this? Did it get cleared up?
2. What work of the Spirit PRECEDES the comfort and welcome of adoption? Read John 16:7-8. Why is it important to understand the truth told about the Spirit in chpt 8 ONLY in light of the truth given in the preceding 7 chapters? What lie could be construed if you jump right to the feel good truths of Chpt. 8?
3. Are God's kindness and your adoption powerful motivators in your fight for purity? How do you cooperate with the Spirit's work of killing sin in you?
4. Do you find yourself operating out of fear? What kinds of fear tend to grip you? How do you celebrate your adoption and rest in your relationship to God in these times?
5. How does God connect with us before correcting us? How can we be his representatives to a world that cowers in fear of the light? Describe a conversation you might have helping someone who is **wrong** versus someone who is **lost**?
6. Read 1 John 3:19-34 (a parallel passage about the Spirit and assurance) what layer does this teaching add to Rom. 8?
7. Let your prayer focus on these matters of purity, assurance and suffering. Share specifically what fears and pains exist in your life. Seek to mimic Christ to one another by pointing people to their core ID of being the Beloved.