

# The Facilitator

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Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

4/8/18

**Text: Romans 8:5-17 (ESV)**

**Title: God's Adopting Grace**

**Teacher: Luke Wolfe**

## **Surrender through Prayer:**

*Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.*

## **Engage with the Sermon**

*Read the passage together*

In today's sermon we got to look deeper into Romans 8, and the reality for anyone who is in Christ Jesus. As we saw, when we are called out of our hopeless state of slavery to sin God not only gives us new life and a clean record; he calls us to be his very "sons" and "heirs". By giving us his spirit to live inside of us, just like he did in the tabernacle of the Old Testament, God's spirit lives among us and inside of us, and ministers to our spirit to give us life, hope, peace and love from God. In our brokenness we often live like orphans, hoarding away the things we think we need just in case God doesn't give us enough. But the beauty of the gospel is that Jesus, God's very own son, left his throne, his place at the Father's side and his inheritance in order to die for us. He takes our orphan-hood, our anxiety and fear, and gives us his sonship and his inheritance with the Father, so that we can live trusting fully in our Father, and asking for all we need in his Spirit, who is the source of every good thing we have.

## **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. As Luke said, God chooses his children, and like the Israelites, he comes in and "brings them out" of slavery to sin. He gives them both an inheritance to everything He has, and a sonship that only Jesus deserves. The orphan does not choose, or work to be worthy, the parents choose to adopt.*
  - How have you lived as if you needed to be worthy of God's choosing you, rather than simply trusting in His love and grace?**
  - How does it strike you to think about being a Child and an Heir of God?**
- 2. In our brokenness we live like we're still orphans. Like Jadon, the young boy adopted from China, we live anxious and afraid and we hoard away what we think we'll need, because we don't truly trust God.*
  - What do you have a tendency to "hoard away" just in case God doesn't provide?**
  - How has the way you've lived declared that God might not be trustworthy?**
- 3. Jesus, God's own son and heir, gave up his sonship and his inheritance so that he could give them to us, and in the same action he took on our rejection and orphan-hood.*
  - Read the assurance of Pardon, (2 Cor. 3:4-6) How have you lived as if YOU need to be the source of things that can only come from God?**
  - What would it look like for you to live like a son and heir of God?**

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## **WORSHIP AND PRAYER:**

### **A.C.T.S.**

*(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)*

**1. ADORATION** *(The Father)*

***Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions***

**2. CONFESSION** *(Me)*

***Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited***

**3. THANKSGIVING** *(Jesus)*

***Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)***

**4. SUPPLICATION** *(Holy Spirit)*

***Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways***

**5. Prepare for Gospel Community** *(My Neighbor)*

***Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.***

### **Prayer Items**

- 1. Worship the LORD for His infinite nature and that His Presence is inescapable. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His kindness to dwell with us and adopt us as His own children in order to save us.*
- 2. How have you doubted God's grace and lived as if He neither cares for you nor provides for you? Confess your unbelief to Jesus asking Him to forgive you and to change your heart.*
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for His incomparable love. Thank Him that He was willing to be cut off (dying on the Cross) so that you could be taken in, and that He gives you His all (His own Spirit) to secure you in His love.*
- 4. Who do you know that is prone to fear or self-pity? Ask the Lord to help them, convincing them of His adopting love and His saving Presence.*
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to persuade you of God's grace to adopt you, claiming you as His very own child in Christ Jesus. Pray for insight into what it means to belong to Him and His faithfulness as your loving Heavenly Father.*