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Small Group Notes

Sermon: 23 October 2022

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SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:12-17

OVERVIEW

In the passage, we see a contrast set up between the flesh and the Spirit. There is a battle inside the heart of every Christian, with the flesh desiring that which is sinful, while the Holy Spirit who resides in all believers gives us new, God-honouring desires that are at odds with our flesh.

We saw that we are to put the desires of the flesh to death by the Spirit - not only by the power that the Holy Spirit brings but by the new identity that the Spirit reveals to us - that we are children of God. Indulging the passions of the flesh isn't just something we don't want to do - but it's just not who we are anymore.

The Spirit is the Spirit of adoption, and he bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God. We can be secure in our identity as children, knowing that our Father will never leave us nor forsake us, despite our inabilities and inadequacies. We can rest secure and safe in our Heavenly Father.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it good news that we have been adopted by God?
2. Is your status as a child of God something that you can struggle to grasp and take hold of? Or has it become instinctive to you? Discuss your different experiences
3. How would your life change if you were to truly and grasp and rest in being a child of God in all areas of your life?