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:: Summary

In love, God determined in advance to adopt us as his children through his Son Jesus Christ in accordance with his pleasure and will. In Christ, you are not only forgiven and therefore no longer a slave to sin and death – God has also determined to make you a part of his forever family and an heir. The Holy Spirit testifies with your spirit to this truth so that you have complete assurance of this life changing gift of God.

:: Share

Have you ever received an inheritance? How did it make you feel to know someone thought specially of you?

:: Explore and Discuss | Ephesians, 1:4b-6, Romans 8:16-17, Galatians 4:4-7

Before Christ, you were a slave to sin and destined for death and an eternity without God. In Christ, you have been adopted as God's child. How does your status as a child of God affect your attitude toward the sin that remains in your life and your growth in holiness?

Read Romans 8:16. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's testimony that you are God's child? Has it been a one-time event or an ongoing experience?

You are destined to receive the grandest inheritance imaginable. Describe the riches of God that are your inheritance. Is it just a seat on a cloud and a brand-new harp or is there more?

:: Apply it to Your Life

On a scale of 1 ("I am very uncertain") to 10 ("I am absolutely convinced"), how certain are you that you are saved and forever a child of God? What factors significantly influence the number you shared?

How are you trying to cultivate a greater awareness and responsiveness to the Holy Spirit's presence and influence in your life?

:: Pray

Heavenly Father, words cannot express the joy and thanksgiving that are ours because you have changed us from slaves to heirs. Thank you for the ongoing confirmation of the Holy Spirit that grants complete assurance of being part of your family. Help me to grow



in holiness and put to death the sin in my life so that I gloriously reflect to this world my status as your child and heir. Amen.

