

FMHTY, pt 2—I am a child of Gd

>Lst wknd at Tysons--we sang a new song

*I'm no longer a slave of fear,

I am a child of God"

>>I fnd myself *humming* that song all wk

>& my hrt rejoicing in its truth all wk

>>& so—since we're in a series entitled:

From my heart to Yours

*I want us to *talk ab* this great truth tdy

*So tht ALL our hrts can rejoice in it!

>>TITLE: "I am a child of God"

[READY?]

I- PASSAGES///BEGIN TDY IN ROM 8

A. Rom 8:1—"Therefore, there is now no condemnation to those who're in JC

1.Rm 8 is all ab the "assurance" tht Gd gives *everyone...* who's "IN JC"

2. The assurance tht condemnation/ separation frm Gd/hell & damnation are utter impossibilities fr such ple

B.& Rm 8 gives us 6 rsns why this is true

C. Rsn #3 is found in verses 15-16

1.V. 15—"Fr U (as a blvr in J) did not receive a spirit of bondage, to fall

back into fear, but U received
 [SAY] the Spirit of adoption, by
 which we cry out(to Gd)“Abba, Fthr
 2.V.16-“Fr the Spirit of Gd Himself,
 .bears .witness .with .our .spirit, .tht
 we are [SAY] the c’rn of Gd

- D. In these vss, HS declares...tht whn
 we’re saved—take J as our L& Sav
 #1. Not only do we switch races—frm
 being “IN ADM” to being “IN CST”
 (1 Cor 15:22)
 #2. Not only does Gd pronounce us
 “justified/acquitted” in His sight (R 5:1)
 #3. Not only does Gd send HS to live
 inside of us (1 Cor 6:19)
 #4. Not only does Gd declare us free of
 all condemnation frever (Rm 8:1)
 #5. BUT—Rm 8 says--in addition to all
this--Gd also LEGALLY ADOPTS us
 into His own, prsnal family(R8:16)
- E. We become Gd’s adopted c’rn in JC
 E. & the whole NT resounds ... with this
 phenomenal truth
 1.Gal 4:4-“But whn the fullness of x

was come, Gd sent His Son, born of a wmn, to redeem us who were under the Law, that we might receive **[SAY] the adoption of sons**

2. 1 Jn 3:1-“Behold wht manner of love the Fthr has bestowed upon us, tht we shld be called **[SAY] the c’reu of Gd.** & tht ***IS*** wht we are!

3. Eph 1:5-“In accrdnce with His good will & pleasure, Gd predestinated us to be **[SAY] *adopted as his c’reu ... IN JC***

IL: & plse notice-Gd offers *adoption into His family* at **only 1 location in univ**

*** & tht location is NOT IN BUDDA /CONFU/MOHAMMED/**

*** NOT IN JUDAISM/ MORMONISM/ CATHOLICISM/Or PROTESTANTISM**

*** NOT IN religion/ baptism/ confirma keeping 10C’s/or recycling**

APPL: Tht *location* = “IN/ BY/THRU JC”

*** & the redemption..tht He *purchased on the crss fr U/me... shedding HIS blood...to pay fr OUR sin***

[SALV APPEAL-child of Gd-DWN FRNT

SAY: I've hrd ple say: "We're all Gd's c'ren

A: Well, tht's a beautiful & tender thot

*The only prob w/it=B says it's wrong

*Rm 8:1-"Therefore, there is now **no**
condemnation to those who're **in JC**

*All of Rm8 is ab"those who're in JC

****ONLY they** face "no cndmnation
before Gd" ever (Rm 8:1)

****ONLY they** receive Gd's "Spirit
of adoption" (Rm 8:15)

****ONLY they** hve HS "bearing
witness to their spirit tht they
are the c'ren of Gd" (Rm 8:16)

F. Jn 1:12-"But to as many as received
Him (JC), [**SAY**] **TO THEM** (& thm
only)Gd gave the right to become
the c'ren of Gd"

G.WATCH LJ SAY THIS VRY THNG-Jn 8

- 1.Hre in J 8, J is involved in a heated
argument w/the rabbis ab whethr
He is the Messiah
- 2.As the argimnt grows nastier, the R's
make a crude remark abt the VB
3. V. 41-"We were not born of
fornication; we have one father,

even Gd” **[WATCH]**

4. V. 42(J)-“If Gd **WERE** yur father, U wld love Me, for I came from Gd”

5.The key wrd in this snt’ce=“**WERE**”

*IN GK—J uses *subjunc mood* here

*NOT--“If Gd **WAS** ...(INDICATIVE)

*BUT “If Gd **WERE** (SUBJUNCTIVE)

SAY:”We didn’t come hre fr grammr lssn

A: **OHHH**—but this is vry **impt** grammar

6.In Gk(just as in Englsh)—the

subjunctive is used to dscribe thngs tht’re **contrary** to fact/**NOT true**

IL:“If he **were** sorry(but he isn’t/*not true*) —he wld’ve apologized by now”

*”If Amer **were** still a British colony (but it isn’t)—we’d all be having tea & crumpets this afternoon

[GOT IT?]

7.This is why it is **SO SGNIFICANT** tht

J uses the *subjunc mood* here in J8

8. In saying: “If Gd **WERE** yur fathr”, J is **saying** = “**BUT He’s NOT!**”

9.**Instd**[**LOOK**]J *says*(V. 44)-“U belong to yur father, the devil”

*”Even tho U’re **Jewish**”

*"Even tho U're the rlig ldrs of Isr"

*"Evn tho U're dripping w/relig perf

*"U're **NOT** c'rn of Gd/**NOT** yur Fthr

10.**BEC**(dn't miss)U refuse to blve in Me

H.**SUMARIZE**: Rm 8 *declares*--& the rest of the NT *confirms*—tht Gd has a personal, intimate, "family" relat'ship with certain pple in this world

1. But only a "select few"

2. & these "select few" are *anyone*— & *evryone*—who are "IN CHRIST"

3. Who have *taken JC as their L & Sav*

4.**TO** these "select few"only-Gd mkes the promise of 2 Cr 6:18—" & I will be a *Father* to U, & U shall be my *sons & daughters,*' says the Lrd Almighty."

SO WHAT?

IL: U knw—before I gave my life to Chrst

*I lived in **FEAR**—of cvcrything!

*I was afraid of *dying*...

*I was afraid of *living*...

*I was afraid of *people*...

*I was afraid of *intimacy*...

*I was afraid of *the future*...

*I was afraid of *failing*...

*I lived in *bondage* to these fears

AP: But *all tht changed* whn *I came to JC*
& *I read in the Bible*:

A.2 T 1:7-"Gd hsn't givn us a sprt of **fear**

B.Rm 8:15-"U did not receive a spirit of
bondage, to fall back into **fear**"-

C. *Did U knw*--tht the most-oftn repeated
thing tht Gd says to His children in B

1. Gd says it to us ovr *150 x's*

2. Is: **FEAR NOT!**"

D. Now folks Gd dsn't repeat fr "**filler**"

E. If He says something *150 x's*...it's bec
He wants us to *pay attention to it*

F. **I WANT TO DECLARE TO U TODAY**

1. Tht *I HAVE PAID ATTENTION* to it

2. & tht Gd has dclivrcd me frm
evry fear—PTL!

[& GD WANTS U TO DO SAME FR U 2]

G. **SO**-as Gd's c'rn-wht shld we **FEARNOT**

H. #1-We shld **FEAR NOT *death***...

1. Heb 2:14-"By his death, J destroyed
him who holds the pwr of death—
namcly, the devil--& [**SAY**]**freed**

those who all their lives were
slaves to their fear of death.”

2.Jn6:40(J)“For **THIS** is My Fthr’s will..
IL: ”Hey-U thnk ANYBDY in this univ is
going to THWART Gd Fther’s will??

3. “For this is My Father’s will(J)...ttht
[**SAY**] everyone who looks to the Son
& blves in Him shall hve eter life--&
I **WILL** raise thm up at the last day”

4.**FEAR DEATH** as Gd’s child? Ridic’ous!
J. #2-We shld **FEAR NOT** the future

1.Dt 31:6-“Be strong & of a good
courage. **FEAR NOT**; fr the Lrd yur
Gd, it is He who goes with U; He
will not fail U or forsake U

ILLUS: Gspl song: “Don’t worry abt the
future—Gd’s already there!”

K. #3-We shld **FEAR NOT** man

1.Heb 13:5-“For Gd has said, ‘I will
nvr leave U nor will I ever forsake U.’
Therefore, we may boldly say, ‘The
Lrd is my helper; I will **NOT FEAR**;
what can man do to me?’”

-L#4-We..**FEARNOT** ab our needs in life

1.Matt 6:31(J)-“**FEAR NOT**, saying

“Wht shall we eat?’ or ‘Wht shall we drink?’ or ‘Why shall we wear?’. For your HF knows tht U need these things...But seek 1st His kingdom & His righteousness-- & all these things shall be given to U as well. Therefore, **FEAR NOT.**”

M. #5-We..**FEAR NOT** when we find ourselves in deep crisis

1.2 Ch 20:15-“**FEAR NOT**-fr the battle is not yurs, but Gd’s...Stand still, & U will see the deliverance of the Lrd on yur behalf...**FEAR NOT**, & do not be dismayed”

N.#6-We shld **FEAR NOT** suffering/ pain --& whthr we can make it thru

1.Is 41:10-“**FEAR NOT**, fr I am wth U. Do not be dismayed, for I am yur Gd: I will strengthen U; yea, I will help U; yea, I will uphold U with my righteous right hand.”

2.V.13-“Fr I, the Lrd yur Gd, will hold U by the rght hand, saying unto U ‘**FEAR NOT**, for I will help U”

O. I cld keep going-**but U got the point!**

P. FIND ANY ISSUE IN LIFE...

1. I DON'T CARE WHAT IT IS...
2. THN OPEN THE PAGES OF BIBLE...
3. & GD'S WORD TO U WILL ALWAYS
BE THE SAME:

*"Oh, my dear child IN CHRIST..."

*"FEAR NOT"..."I GOTCHA"

CONCLUSION

>>>[SING]"I'm no longer a slave to fear"
[WHY???] "I AM A CHILD OF GD"

>>>>My bro's/sis's in Christ...

*"Can U believe that today??"

*"Can U receive that today??"

*"Can U claim this freedom tday &
declare tht it's yurs??"

>>>>CAN U??

>>>>Well then—let's stand up & do it!!