

"A NEW FAMILY"

Ephesians 1:5-8 – God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

To be adopted is to realize that you were made for another world and for another person.

You were made for God.

Romans 8:11-17 – The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

When the Spirit of God lives within you:

- 1. You will be able to escape sin.**
- 2. You will walk a different path.**

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3. You will leave fear in the past.
4. You will have the assurance of love and salvation.
5. You will have a glorious inheritance.

Coming Soon:

1. **12 Hours of Summer:** DRC Students (6th-12th grade) head to Greensboro for 12 Hours of Summer on July 17 from 8am-8pm. \$50 covers your transportation, food, and all the fun activities (putt-putt, trampoline park, and more)! For more details and to register: danriverchurch.org/12hours.
2. **Life Groups:** Our next season of Life Groups begins in the middle of August. If you're interested in finding out more about our groups, stop by the Connect Center today.
3. **Serve Teams:** One of our values at DRC is having a heart for serving. God has given each of us gifts to encourage and help others. Fill out a Connect Card in the seat back in front of you or stop by the Connect Center for more information.
4. **Baptism Sunday:** Baptism is how we show others our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. If you have never gone public with your decision to follow Jesus, sign up at the Connect Center today. Our next Baptism Sunday is July 28.