



HEALING THE ORPHAN HEART  
1 - "Our Problem: Living Like An Orphan"

"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..." Rom. 8:14-17a (NLT)

God loves us perfectly. He alone can  
\_\_\_\_\_ our need for love.

WHAT IS AN ORPHAN HEART?

A spiritual condition in which believers know of God the Father's love in their heads, but feel internal contradictions to that belief in their hearts.

Everyone begins with an orphaned heart. It's part of  
our \_\_\_\_\_.

- Fear and \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ orientation.
- Independence and \_\_\_\_\_.

LET GOD HEAL YOUR ORPHAN HEART

"If anyone CONFESSES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, God resides in him and he in God. And WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TO BELIEVE THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US. God is love, and the one who resides in love resides in God, and God resides in him." 1 John 4:15-16 (NET)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a revelation of the love of God.

(Cont'd on reverse)

"I fall to my knees and pray to the Father...that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him...May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. MAY YOU EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CHRIST, though it is too great to understand fully..." Eph. 3:14-19 (NLT)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ your mind with the truth.

"Consider the kind of extravagant love the Father has lavished on us—He calls us children of God! It's true; we are His beloved children."  
1 John 3:1 (TVT)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ your slave habits for holiness.

"Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him...but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity." 1 John 2:15-17 (MSG)

FATHER GOD, Thank you for your lavish love for me. Today I ask you to set me free from a slave's mindset. I boldly confess that I am your child! May I experience the fullness of Christ's love and acceptance, and share that incredible gift with everyone in my life. In Christ's Name, AMEN

GATHER, GROW AND GO WITH US IN GROW GROUPS

Open Up: Have you ever visited an orphanage? How did they react to you?

Share Scriptures: Let different members share a verse or idea from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Talk It Over: What are some differences between sons and orphans?

Pray Together: Pray that each person will experience the Father's love.



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