



## HEALING THE ORPHAN HEART

### 2 - "Our Position: Sons and Daughters of God"

*"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)*

*"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)

**Knowing that Father God \_\_\_\_\_ us  
changes absolutely everything about our lives.**

### HOW DO WE KNOW THAT GOD LOVES US?

#### 1. We know God loves us because He \_\_\_\_\_ us.

*"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" Psalm 8:3-4 (NIV)*

#### 2. We know God loves us because He is \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)*

*"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28 (NLT)*

#### 3. We know God loves us because \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

*"For God SO LOVED the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Jn 3:16 (NIV)*

### OUR POSITION (Cont'd)

*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NKJV)*

#### 4. We know God loves us because He \_\_\_\_\_ us.

*"His unchanging plan has always been to ADOPT US into HIS OWN FAMILY by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure." Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)*

#### 5. We know God loves us because the \_\_\_\_\_ confirms it.

*"Because you are now part of God's family, HE SENT THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO OUR HEARTS; and the Spirit calls out, "Abba, Father." You no longer have to live as a slave because you are a child of God." Gal. 4:6-7 (TVT)*

*"We are able to hold our heads high no matter what happens and know that all is well, for WE KNOW how dearly GOD LOVES US, and WE FEEL this WARM LOVE everywhere within us because God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." Romans 5:5 (TLB)*

*FATHER GOD, Thank you for your lavish love for me. I ask you to set me free from a fearful mindset. I boldly confess I'm no longer a slave. I am your adopted child! Forgive my sins and fill me with an ocean of Christ's love and acceptance from this day forward. In Christ's Name, AMEN*

### GATHER, GROW AND GO WITH US IN GROW GROUPS

**Open Up:** Describe a memory of a father or father figure who loved 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 most convinces you of God's love? Why?

**Pray Together:** Pray that each person will be free from an orphan heart.



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