

September 21, 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“Adopted as Children of the Living God” – Romans 8:12-17

Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-18) to Answer from the Text:

1. What are Christians not obligated to do (v. 12)?
2. What happens if a professing Christian lives consistently and habitually according to the dictates of his fallen fleshly desires (v. 13a)?
3. What happens if a professing Christian is consistently and habitually putting to death the deeds of the body (v. 13b)?
4. What does it mean if you are led by the Spirit of God (v. 14)?
5. As a Christian, what kind of spirit (attitude, mindset) did you NOT receive (v. 15a)?
6. As a Christian, what is the Spirit that you DID receive from God (v. 15b)?
7. What does the Spirit that you received lead and enable you to say to God (v. 15c)?
8. Who confirms that you are a child of God (v. 16)?
9. What does it mean that you are a child of God (v. 17a)?
10. What two other things also come with being a child of God (v. 17b)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:
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11. Where are examples of adoption found within the Old Testament?
12. What is the doctrine of Adoption?
13. Do you agree or disagree that the doctrine of Adoption has largely been overlooked in preaching and teaching within the Church? If so, what do you think might account for this?

14. Which 19th-century Southern Presbyterian theologian emphasized Adoption as a distinct act of God, separate from Justification? Do you concur with his view? Why or why not?
15. How might you make a distinction between Justification and Adoption?
16. What are some of the privileges bestowed upon those who have been adopted as sons or daughters of the living God?
17. What do you inherit as a child of God?
18. How is your earthly family similar to and different from your heavenly family?
19. What responsibilities do you have because you are a child of God?
20. What particular factors or experiences enhance your feeling that you belong to the family of God?