

More than Conquerors!

(The Greatest Chapter: ROMANS EIGHT)

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“Fearlessness” Romans 8:14-17

It doesn't make sense that Almighty God would have children characterized by fear and insecurity. Chronic fearfulness in a believer is often the result of forgetfulness. To the degree you forget who God is, who you are as his child, and what you have been given by His grace is to the degree you will experience fearfulness.

Fearlessness happens through...

1) Intimacy v14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are Sons of God.

Vv1, 3 God has reconciled you to Himself.

Vv2, 4 God has given to you the gift of Himself.

Being led by the Spirit of God (Intimacy) involves...

Vv5-6 Setting the mind on the Spirit which brings life & peace.

Vv7-8 You love God, submit to God's law & want to please God.

V9 You belong to Christ purchased at infinite cost.

Vv10-11 You have resurrection power working in you.

Vv12-13 You feel forever indebted to God and want kill sin.

(Matt5:29-30) In other words, we are led to hate the things the Spirit hates (sin) and love the things He loves (Christ).

2) Security v15 For you did not receive the Spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

- This verse is absolutely a stunningly beautiful truth that is meant to bring healing and wholeness to your soul as you live more and more in the reality of it.
- That we can call the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe “daddy” is beyond words.
- There has never been or will be a parent on earth who wants joy for their child as much as your Father in Heaven wants joy for you! (Matt7:7-11)

3) Assurance v16 “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

- The best defense to the lies we hear in our hearts is the rehearsal of the truth of God (Scripture Rom10:17) through the power of the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit 1Cor2:14-16) and with the support of the People of God (Community Heb10:24-25).
- Your Heavenly Father's love and care for you must become more real to you than your earthly father's neglect & abuse. (Ps27:10)

4) Inheritance v17 And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

- So, as God's children we are heirs of God. All that Father is and has is ours (The World Rom4:13, God Himself Rev21:3, redeemed & glorified bodies Rom8:22-23).
- What we have in store for us is so grand and glorious that it will make any suffering in this life look light and momentary in comparison (2Cor4:16-18) and make us feel like the first child that got the largest part of the wealth.
- Suffering reveals your motivations in the faith: Are you serving God or do you want God to serve you? “He who serves God for money will serve the devil for better wages.” –Sir Robert L'Estrange

Growing Notes

1) There are a lot of things to make us fearful in our day and time...politics, economy, terrorism, disease, death, marriage, parenting, college, career, job, etc. What are you most fearful about? Why do you think it doesn't make sense that Almighty God would have children characterized by chronic fear and insecurity? Explain.

2) Read Romans 8:1-17. What stands out to you in verses 14-17? How do you think these truths would help you to deal with fearfulness? Why do you think chronic fearfulness in a believer is often the result of forgetfulness of who God is and who we are as His children?

3) In light of verses 1-13 what does it mean to be “led by the Spirit” (Intimacy)? Why do you think this validates us as children of God (v14b)? Earthly fathers shape our concept of our heavenly father both good and bad. Explain. Why is God being our “daddy” a hard concept for some to embrace (v15)? How is verse 15 an absolutely stunningly beautiful truth that is meant to bring healing and wholeness to your soul as you live more and more in the reality of it (Matt7:7-11)?

4) The best defense (v16) to the lies we hear in our hearts is the rehearsal of the truth of God (Scripture Rom10:17) through the power of the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit 1Cor2:14-16) and with the support of the People of God (Community Heb10:24-25). Explain. Why do you think as Christians we should live with hope (confident joyful expectation) even in the midst of suffering (v16; 2Cor4:16-18)? What is God speaking to you from this study? Make it your prayer.