



More to the Story!

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Text: Romans 8:12-17

Passage Summary: As we journey through life in a sin filled and fallen world, hope rises and the Kingdom advances as we consider the profound realities of what it means to be a _____ of _____!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that the profound realities of what it means to be a child of God are grounded in our _____ that comes through the doctrine of _____! (8:12-17)

The Doctrine of Justification

“Justification is an instantaneous legal act of God in which He thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ’s righteousness as belonging to us, and declares us to be righteous in His sight.”

Wayne Grudem

“Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.”

Romans 8:33-34

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the impact of the doctrine of justification on the life of a child of God, it involves...

- _____ over _____! (v.12-14)

Remember: When it comes to the impact of justification, victory over sin is not only _____ through the power of the indwelling Spirit, but comprises a Divine _____ through which the believer can grow to experience all that God has made possible through the gospel!

- _____ from _____! (v.15)

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

1 John 4:18

Remember: When it comes to the impact of justification, our adoption changes everything, for fears begin to fade as we grow in our understanding of the _____ significance of the phrase, _____ Father!

- An _____! (v.16-17)

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”

2 Corinthians 8:9

Remember: When it comes to the impact of justification, God has made His children heirs of an eternal inheritance that no one or no thing could ever take away, not even death itself (1 Peter 1:3-5); His challenge for our lives is to “_____ and _____ it” by living in the light of this glory that is to come!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that as a child of God who has undergone a glorious adoption through the doctrine of justification, that you will not miss the sunset; make it your aim in these last days to be about God’s Kingdom work, and then ask Him to show you the next step, embracing the truth that there may very well be _____ to your _____!

“And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.”

Romans 13:11

“As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.”

John 9:4