

The God Who We Worship: The Holy Spirit, Part 4

Romans 8: 14-17

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- Introduction: * Holy Spirit is Holy Spirit not just because of His Holy character, but also because He makes us holy.
- God did not give us the Happy Spirit to be Happy, but the Holy Spirit to be Holy
 - And sometimes it is painful
 - Easy enough to related to the Father and to the Son – but to what do we compare a Holy Spirit?
 - The Bible gives us some concrete ways that the Holy Spirit relates to us
- I. Adopted
- a. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of, the sons of God. –WCSC
 - b. Romans 8: 15 – The Holy Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again, rather the Spirit you received brought about your ADOPTION to sonship.
 - c. Adoption is an act of God's free grace – key word – “ACT”
 - i. Takes place in a moment
 - ii. By way of declaration
 - iii. As opposed to the “Holying” WORK of the Holy Spirit
 - d. We are received into the number of the Sons of God
 - i. We are all children of God . . . in one sense
 - ii. We are not all children of God in that we share in the inheritance as sons
 1. The bad news
 2. The good news
 - e. Sons
 - i. Having to do with inheritance
- II. The Spirit of Sonship
- a. John Wesley's father one time wrote: “The inward witness is the strongest proof of Christianity.”
 - b. The Holy Spirit brings us into the family of God
 - c. The Holy Spirit gives us consciousness of being in the family of God
 - d. The Holy Spirit gives us power to live as children of God
 - e. Abba Father
- III. Take Away
- a. The Holy Spirit is personal – pray to Him
 - b. The Holy Spirit awakens our hearts – yield to Him
 - c. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Sonship – Cry out to Him

