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LONELINESS IN THE BELIEVER

The spirit of adoption

We are not merely adopted children, but children **born of God!** Paul tells us in Romans 8:15 that we believers have received the Holy Spirit who places us as adult sons into God's family.

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again with resulting fear, but you received the Spirit who places you as adult sons, by whom we cry out with deep emotion, Abba, [namely] Father.

Extract from Kenneth S. Wuest THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION, untranslatable riches from the Greek New Testament:

"God the Judge stepped down from His judgement bench, and at Calvary paid the sinner's penalty, thus satisfying His justice, and procuring for sinful man a legal right to receive the mercy of God. Thus, nothing stands in the way of a just God regenerating a believing sinner and placing him as His son in His family. The Holy Spirit as the Spirit of adoption regenerates the believing sinner and places him as a child of God in a legal standing in God's family, having all the privileges and rights of God's only-begotten Son. Think of it, to occupy a place in God's family in which He loves us just as much as He loves His only-begotten Son. Think of it, to have a place in God's family just as eternal and secure as His only-begotten Son. Think of it, to have a place in God's family in which all the loveliness of God's Son is ours. The Spirit of adoption is therefore the legal representative of God, so to speak, imparting to us the divine nature and placing us in the family of God, doing all this in accordance with the eternal and unchanging laws of God."

Being adult sons means that we are like Jesus for eternity because we are born of the Spirit of God. This reality, when received and kept in our hearts, will nullify any sense of loneliness, abandonment, rejection and so much more.

Galatians 4:5-6

"in order that He might deliver those under law to the end that we might be placed as adult sons. And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts crying, Abba [namely], my Father."

In the Greek we have two words for adoption: **tecnon**, which means "to bear, to give birth to." Its proper translation is "child" or "born one", It speaks of a child of God in his birth-relationship. The other word is *huios*; this is related to adoption as we know it in our world i.e. a child adopted but born from another family.

TECNON is the Greek Word used in Romans 8:15 and Galatians 4:5-6. We are not just adopted, but we are born of God. We have the same nature, the same DNA. In human terms we would say "the same blood", only that when we are in Heaven we will not have any blood. Our earthly body's life is in the blood. Our new life is in the Holy Spirit of God. As new creations, we have a new spiritual life and we will have a new body, a new identity for eternity. Abba in the Greek means DADDY. God invites us to call Him DADDY. He calls us His beloved children.

PRAISE GOD!!!

EMOTIONAL NURTURING

Our Heavenly Father has already provided emotional nurturing to comfort us when we feel lonely:

- a) The Holy Spirit has bestowed God's love in us.
- b) God's Word is power, love, wisdom; the Word is Jesus
- c) Jesus lives in us
- d) We are in Christ, this is full protection

We are to have this supernatural presence real in our lives. We need to be aware of it all the time, but even more so, when we feel distressed; when we experience persecution, trials and tribulations; when we are rejected and mistreated. This is the time to nullify the effects of the attacks of the enemy through thanksgiving. Praise and thanksgiving are very powerful and will nullify loneliness.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is an expression of humility and will activate your relationship with God. Thanksgiving acknowledges the love of God and therefore melts any pain, hurt, fear, etc. Thanksgiving makes us declare the wonderful truth of God's acceptance, protection, provision, etc. When we thank God for our salvation, healing, deliverance, our destiny, our inheritance in Christ, our security in Christ, we are at the same time actually declaring our identity and destiny.

Through thanksgiving we are drawing comfort and God's power is right there to rescue us. Thanksgiving is spiritual warfare, because while you are declaring the wonderful deeds of our Lord, you are doing it against the principalities of darkness who try to use your tribulations to attack your soul. Thanksgiving will comfort your soul, because through it, you connect with the Holy Spirit who is the comforter, the helper, the counsellor.

Speaking in tongues by the Holy Spirit, the power and presence of God

1 Corinthians 14:18-19 The Apostle Paul:

I thank my God that I speak in tongues more than you all, but in the church assembly I would rather speak five words with my understanding in order that I might instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

The Bible exhorts us to speak in tongues for edification. I am not going to undertake a study of the gift of tongues within this topic, but it is important (assuming you have activated it) that you use it, because this gift brings supernatural comfort as it is the Holy Spirit who is speaking through you. It means speaking in a language we do not know, for self-edification, and gives us the potential of communicating with God supernaturally by the Holy Spirit, and at the same time enables us to pray the perfect prayer (even though we don't understand it).

The gift of tongues is received by faith, exactly the same way we receive salvation or any other promise and provision from God. We just need to desire this gift and expect to speak in tongues, even if it is just a few "words". It is believing that we receive from the Holy Spirit. The problem many have is they allow the intellect to come in between and start doubting if it is really the gift of tongues.

I remember when my wife had a heavy stroke in 2011. She was at the hospital and the first two weeks she could not articulate any proper words. It was distorted, even when she wrote it was impossible to read, it was like symbols not recognisable. But while she could not speak in English or German, her prayer language, tongues was unaffected, it was intact, like always. This showed me more clearly than ever it is the Holy Speaking through us and our brain is not involved.