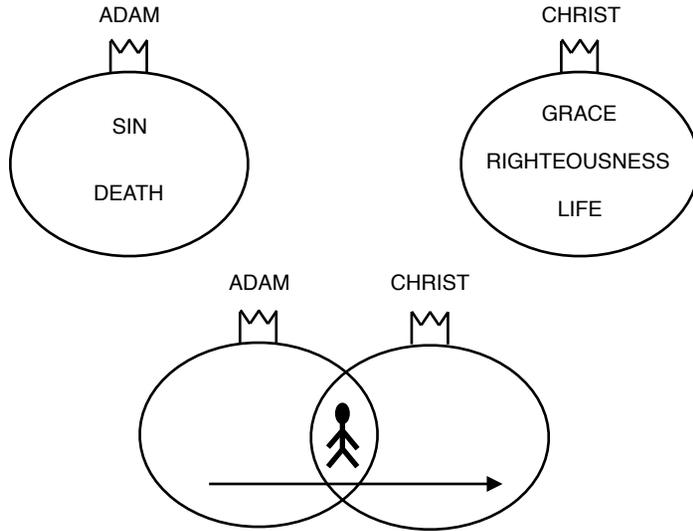


Christians are, right now, his _____ children, and that fact means we will share in his glory.

2. You are _____.
Romans 8:18

Everyone who is good with God _____ and struggles.



3. You are _____ God.
Romans 8:28-39

J.D. Greear: "Belief" is resting your weight on Christ's finished work, and that is something you never stop doing. The way you know you are doing it now is not by remembering when you first started doing it, but by reflecting on the present posture of your heart. **Your present posture is better proof than a past memory."**

Family Discussion Questions

1. How can each of us live out our new identities as adopted sons and daughters of God?
2. How does it affect you knowing that you don't have to work to earn your place in God's family, but you work freely and joyfully from your place in God's family?
3. What are you most excited about no longer experiencing when Jesus makes all things new?

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Paul addresses the problem of sin in the Christian's life from chapters 6 through 8. Summarize some of his main points from the following passages.

Romans 7: 18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do —this I keep on doing.

Romans 7: 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? 25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Romans 8: 1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8: 5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.
3. Read Romans 8:14-39 in light of the context (see question 1). How should the assurance of our adoption into God's family through faith in Christ impact how we see ourselves and live our out daily lives (see verses 14-17)?