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Experiencing the Security of our Salvation:

# ADOPTION

(Rom. 8:9-17)

Now that you have been “declared righteous” (justified), how does the Lord cause you to experience the security of your standing?

**1. God’s gift** 🡪 *the gift of God’s righteousness is superintended by the gift of God’s Spirit* (8:9-11)

* Within our dying bodies, our spirit has been made to come alive (9-10)
* Our dead bodies will be brought to life (11)

**2. Brothers, we have an obligation** 🡪 *there is a kind of life which leads to death, and there is a kind of death that leads to a CERTAIN KIND of life* (Stott, Romans 8:12-17)

TO LIVE UP TO OUR **ADOPTION:**

* Put to death the misdeeds of the body—*those who do are led by the Spirit, who are actually the “sons of God” (13-14)*
* Trade our fear of God’s judgement for freedom to approach God—*those who do have received the Spirit of sonship (15)*
* Get into intimate conversations with our Heavenly Father—*those moved regularly to pray are children of God (16)*
* Share in the sufferings of Christ—*those who do, share in the family inheritance of Christ (17)*

Those “declared righteous” (justified) are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and adopted by God into His family to enjoy all the rights, responsibilities and privileges as children of God.