

Galatians 4:6-8

6-7. And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the SPIRIT of His SON into your hearts, crying out, "ABBA, FATHER!"** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and **if a SON, then an HEIR of GOD through Christ.**

- **Romans 8:9** ""But you are not in the flesh but in the _____, if indeed the _____ of _____ dwells in you. Now if anyone does _____ have the _____ of _____, he is not _____."
- **Galatians 4:1-2** "Now I say that the _____, as long as he is a _____, does not differ at all from a _____, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the _____ appointed by the _____."
- **Romans 8:17** "And if _____, then _____ - heirs of God and joint _____ with Christ, if indeed we suffer with _____, that we may also be _____ together."
- **Romans 8:15** "For you did _____ receive the _____ of bondage again to _____, but you _____ the _____ of _____ by whom we cry out, '_____.' The _____ Himself bears witness with OUR _____ that we are children of God."

Definition: "HE IS NOT HIS" - There is no such thing as a Christian who does not have the Holy Spirit living (dwelling) inside of him. **You CANNOT BE a Christian, you CANNOT BE SAVED, and NOT have the Holy Spirit IN YOU.** However, there are various stages of **BEING FILLED with the Spirit**, or **CONTROLLED BY the Spirit**, and that is dependent on HOW MUCH of YOU has been **yielded and surrendered to the Holy Spirit**. When you are TRULY SURRENDERED to God, and are **ALLOWING Him to be in CONTROL of your life**, you will have **the EVIDENCE of the FRUIT of the SPIRIT**. The Holy Spirit flowing out of you like rivers of living water (John 7:37-39) flows out to others in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and every other **Christlike quality**. Many well-meaning Christians **struggle so hard** to have these Christlike qualities (the fruit of the Spirit) in their lives, but they fail to realize that the fruit must come from within, **from the Holy Spirit** dwelling in their hearts. **It is NOT by struggling, but by SURRENDERING**, that the Holy Spirit is allowed to fill and control us and produce His fruit. **Jesus said that without Him, we can do nothing**, and by that He meant that **only His Spirit working within us** can produce His fruit in our lives. You must completely surrender your life to Jesus Christ, learn to abide in Him, work out and resolve the barriers of sin and dysfunction from your past, and **the FRUIT of the Spirit will come automatically. Anything you do "apart from Him" is "in the flesh" and worthless.**

- **Galatians 5:22-23** "But the _____ of the _____ is _____, joy, _____, longsuffering (patience), kindness, _____, faithfulness, _____, self-control...."
- **I John 4:13-16** "By this we know that we _____ in Him, and He _____ us, because He has given us of His _____. (Verse 15) "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God _____ in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the _____ that God has for _____. God is love; and he who dwells in [God's] love _____ in God, and God _____."

Definition: "The SPIRIT of His SON and SPIRIT of CHRIST" - These are other names for the Holy Spirit, along with "Spirit of God," "Spirit of Truth," "Spirit of the

Lord" and "Helper." Notice how the Holy Spirit is called both the "Spirit of **God**" and the "Spirit of **Christ**." These names are used interchangeably, which is just one of many ways that **the Bible teaches there is ONE GOD**, who exists in **THREE PERSONS**: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit.

- **II Corinthians 3:17** "Now the _____ is the _____; and where the _____ of the _____ is, there is liberty."
- **I Peter 1:11** "Searching what, or what manner of time, the _____ of _____ who was _____ them was indicating when _____ testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow."

Definition: "You Received the SPIRIT of ADOPTION" - ADOPTION had a different meaning to the Romans than it does for us. The Romans would **have a CEREMONY when a child reached ADULTHOOD**. This public ceremony declared that the child was officially an adult, with all the RIGHTS and PRIVILEGES of an ADULT, responsible for his own actions, and also that he was UNABLE TO BE DISINHERITED. What does this mean for us? It means that we are BORN into God's family as a little BABY, but we are ADOPTED and given ADULT STANDING as well. This POSITION IN CHRIST is ours for eternity, **we are UNABLE TO BE DISINHERITED**. Nothing or **NO ONE can take us away** or "snatch" us away from God once we are BORN INTO HIS FAMILY.

- **John 10:27-29** "My Sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they _____ Me. And I give them _____, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone _____ them out of My _____. My Father who has _____ them to Me, is greater than all; and _____ is able to snatch them out of My _____."
- **Ephesians 1:5** "Having predestined us to _____ as _____ by _____ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of _____."

Definition: "By whom we cry out, 'ABBA, FATHER'" - Abba means "Papa" or "Daddy" in the Aramaic language. This **INTIMATE relationship with God** is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ, and by the Holy Spirit living in our heart. If you did not have a good relationship with your earthly father, you can now have a **WARM and LOVING RELATIONSHIP with God** as the "Daddy" you never had.

- **Romans 8:16** "The Spirit _____ bears witness with our _____ that we are _____ of _____."
- **Mark 14:36** "And He said, '_____, _____, all things are possible for _____. Take this cup away from me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what _____.'"

Definition: "The SPIRIT Himself BEARS WITNESS" - "Bear witness" means to TESTIFY or GIVE EVIDENCE. **The Holy Spirit, who is a PERSON, not an "it"** (He is God Himself), TESTIFIES to us and CONFIRMS to our HEARTS that we are really and truly His children. He ASSURES US that we belong to Him, and helps us understand (comprehend) HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US.

- **I John 3:19** "And by this we _____ that we are of the _____, and shall _____ our _____ before Him."
- **Ephesians 3:16-19** "That He would grant (give) you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His _____ in the _____ man (YOUR spirit), that Christ may _____ in your _____ through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to _____ with all the saints what is the width and length

and depth and height - [and] to _____ the _____ of Christ which passes _____; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

- **Romans 5:5** "Now hope does not disappoint, because the _____ of _____ has been poured out in our _____ by the _____ who was _____ to _____."

8. But then, indeed, WHEN you DID NOT KNOW God, you SERVED those which by nature are NOT GODS.

- **I Samuel 3:7** "Now Samuel did not yet _____ the _____, nor was the _____ of the _____ yet revealed to him."
- **I Corinthians 8:4-6** "Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to _____, we know that an _____ is _____ in the world, and that there is _____ other God but one. For even if there are so-called _____, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are _____ gods and many lords), yet for us there is _____ one _____, the _____, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and _____ Lord _____, through whom are _____ things, and through whom we live."
- **Jeremiah 2:11** "Has a nation changed its _____, which are _____ gods? But My people have changed their Glory for what does _____ profit."
- **Isaiah 37:19** "And have cast their _____ into the fire; for they were _____ gods, but the _____ of men's _____ - wood and stone. Therefore they have destroyed them."

Definition: "WHEN you DID NOT KNOW God" - Paul is speaking to Christians here, but he is referring to **the time in their lives when they were unbelievers and did not know the Lord**. God is never interested in a person being "religious" or going to church and doing religious things, but **He is interested in a person KNOWING HIM for who He is, and having a relationship with Him**. The moment you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you begin on this wonderful journey of **getting to KNOW God**. The more you read His word, and spend time with Him in prayer, the closer your relationship with Him will become. Notice the two Scriptures from I Samuel - one talks about Samuel and how **he did not YET know the Lord**, and the other talks about the sons of Eli, and how **they did NOT KNOW the Lord at all**. What is the difference between Samuel, one of the greatest prophets and judges of the Old Testament, and the corrupt sons of Eli? The difference was that Samuel was just a little boy, and he had **not YET come to know God**, but he would come to know Him eventually. The sons of Eli, even though **they were "RELIGIOUS" and even priests in the religion of Judaism, had never known the Lord, and they were so full of their own sin and selfishness, they would never come to know Him**.

- **I Samuel 2:12** "Now the sons of Eli were _____; they did _____ the _____."
- **I Thessalonians 4:5** "Not in passion of lust, _____ the _____ who do not _____ God."
- **John 14:16-17** "And I will pray the _____, and He will give you another _____, that He may abide with you forever, even the _____ of truth (Holy Spirit), whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees _____ nor _____ Him; but you _____ Him, for He dwells with you, and will be _____."

Definition: "You SERVED those which by nature are NOT GODS" - There are all kinds of false religions and **false gods in this world**, but only **ONE TRUE GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**. We are warned, in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, to stay away from any kind of idols (statues that people pray to and worship) and false "gods" of man-made religions. **These so-called "gods" CANNOT really hear our prayers or help us in time of need** - they are useless, and only

keep people from coming to the true God for help. In fact, the word of God tells us that **these false "gods" and idols are actually DEMONS**, and we do not want to come into contact with demons.

- **John 6:68** "Then Simon Peter answered Him (Jesus), '_____, to whom shall we go? You [and You alone] have the _____ of eternal _____. Also, we have come to _____ and _____ that You are the _____, the Son of the _____ God."
- **I Thessalonians 1:9** For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you _____ to _____ from _____ to serve the _____ and _____ God."
- **I John 5:20-21** "And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding, that we may _____ Him who is _____, and we are in _____ who is _____, in His _____ Jesus _____. This is the _____ and _____. Little children, keep (guard) yourselves from _____."
- **I Corinthians 10:19-20** "What am I saying then? That an _____ is _____, or that what is _____ to an _____ is anything? But I say that the things which the Gentiles (non-believers) sacrifice, they _____ to _____, and _____ to _____; and I do not want you to have fellowship with _____."
- **Psalms 106:36-38** "They _____ their _____, which became a _____ to them. They even _____ their sons and their daughters to _____, and shed innocent _____, even the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the _____ of Canaan..."
- **Deuteronomy 32:16-17** "They _____ Him to jealousy with foreign (strange) _____; with abominations they provoked Him to anger. They _____ to _____ not to _____, to _____ they did not know, to new _____, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear."
- **Revelation 9:20-21** "But the rest of _____, who were not killed by these plagues, did not _____ of the _____ of their _____, that they should _____ worship _____, and _____ of _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; and they did not _____ of their murders or their _____ or their sexual immorality or their thefts."
- **Ephesians 2:12** "That at that _____ you were _____ Christ, being _____ from the commonwealth (blessings) of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having _____ hope, and _____ in the world."

Definition: "Alienated/Aliens" - Unfriendly, hostile, not BELONGING. The word of God is very clear that before we became believers in Jesus Christ, **we were not just neutral towards God**, but we were actually enemies and hostile, and aliens from His kingdom and blessings.

- **Colossians 1:21-22** "And you, who _____ were _____ and _____ in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has _____ in the body of His flesh through death (Jesus' death on the cross), to present you _____, and blameless, and irreproachable in His sight."