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Romans 8/14-17 for all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...

Recently while I was soaking in the presence of the Lord, He spoke to me, heart to heart, in a tender yet powerful set of comments. The comments that He made, were in bits, one phrase at a time, then repeating the phrase a moment later while adding more words to each phrase. What God spoke to me ministered to me, encouraged me, & reminded me of the vital & literal fatherhood that God has over His spiritual children. As I took time to reflect upon each phrase that God spoke to me in my heart, I was inspired with grace, faith, & hope, all of which abide in every born-again Christian. God spoke to me clearly, distinctly, graciously, & personally, like He has many times over the years I've been in fellowship with Him. I hear from Him regularly, which should be no surprise to anyone that has God's Spirit dwelling in them, for He speaks to each of His family members. I want to share the commentary He shared with me, so that you may be encouraged, & reminded of God's heart for you. Take time to read these comments, meditate upon them, & ask the Holy Spirit to minister to you personally in relationship to these truths. You'll be glad that you did!

"You are..."

By the grace of God, I am, meaning that I exist! Not only do I biologically exist, but I am alive, physically & spiritually. I am alive, I function fully, & can interact with many people!

What a blessing that is!

"You are my son..."

Through being Born-again, I have become a literal child of God! I have His life in me, & my entrance into His kingdom in Heaven is secured! I am good to go! God, the creator of all life, has become my Spiritual Father!

"You are my son in whom I am...."

Yes, His life is in me, & I've become absorbed into Father, Son, & Holy Spirit! I abide in Him, & He dwells in me! Through the life of God in me, I have received His nature, Spirit, & potential! I have become a spiritual sibling of the Lord Jesus Christ!

"You are my son in whom I am well pleased..."

God is pleased with me because I am His! He is pleased with me because I am no longer cut off from Him! He is pleased with me because I accepted His gift of eternal life that Jesus gives! God is pleased with me because I am His son! I didn't earn the gift of eternal life or righteousness, but I have received them, & that pleases God!

"You are my son in whom I am well pleased & I love you...."

God loves me! Personally, & genuinely, He loves me! Just as He loves each & every one of His children! He also loves everyone in the world, but only those that are Born-again can have a personal relationship with Him! His love has been poured into me by the Holy Spirit, so His love for me abides in me, so He's free to love people through me, even as He demonstrates His love for me!

"You are my son in whom I am well pleased & I love you fully, freely & forever!"

God is eternal, His life is eternal, & so is His love for me that's in me! I know who my Dad is, & I've come to know who I am! I am my Father's son, & that is life-changing! He who has become my spiritual father loved me when I was dead in sin, & He relentlessly pursued me in the midst of many years spent living in rebellion to His call. With a commitment like that, I have become secure in His love for me that abides in me, & I am persuaded that nothing that life or death brings my way can separate me from the loving presence of my Daddy, who is pleased with me!