

## **Mother's Day Message May 10, 2020**

### **Who is a child of God?**

*John 1:12 - "To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."*

*1 John 3: 1- "See what kind of love the Father has given to us that we should be called children of God, and so we are."*

### **Privileges we have as children of God**

*Romans 8:12-17 - <sup>12</sup> So then, brothers we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> 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!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

*Tim Keller in his commentary on Romans says that "if we want to understand who a Christian is, and why being a Christian is a privilege, we need to appreciate divine adoption. We need to grasp the magnitude of Pauls' statements that those who are led by the Spirit are sons of God and that we are children of God."*

### **What does being a child of God mean for us practically?**

*I John 3: 10 and 11- <sup>10</sup> By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. <sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

### **Liceth's video from Corazon de Esperanza:**

<https://youtu.be/CEdkxrNgYdo>

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The message version of Romans 8:15 and 16 says <sup>15-17</sup> *This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children.*

**Especially in this time of crisis, let us remember that we are first and foremost beloved children of God. We have been adopted as His children and we are heirs with Him. We can reach out in love to others because He loves us as His children. We can live with expectancy and eagerness because we have a glorious future to look forward to. Let us live to the full our identity as children of God.**

**Additional information from today's message:**

**Article in the New York Times on Motherhood Identity Crisis:**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/16/parenting/motherhood-identity-crisis.html>

**Research article "Pregnancy leads to long-lasting changes in human brain structure."**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27991897>