



RESCUE

Rescue // Part 4

Introduction:

Happy Mother's Day!

This week Matt concludes a new series called **Rescue**, with the message titled **Part 4**. This series is about the Gospel, the Greek word Euangelion which means Good News.

For this week we're going to look further at **Rescue**, with the ideas of **Justification** & **Adoption**. Do you try to just add your relationship with God onto everything else in your busy life? What's wrong with that approach to Christianity? This week we'll look at how those two terms (justification & adoption) should impact the nature of your relationship with God.

Questions:

1. Do you love the ideas of justice and law? What does it mean for you to be **Justified**? If justification is a legal term, what happens when the courtroom gavel is slammed down? Where does your innocence come from if you know that you're really not? **Romans 8:28-30**
2. Do you realize that you will never be good enough on your own, that you can never save yourself? What is the standard and expectation that God requires? Where can you obtain the righteousness, the perfection required? **Galatians 2:15-16**
3. Why is **Adoption** an important word for you as a Christian? Is it hard for you to wrap your mind around that concept? Do you have a hard time believing that

God loves you? What connection is there between being **Justified** and **Adopted**? **Romans 8:15-17**

4. What's the difference between knowing God as your Creator and knowing God as your loving father? If God is the creator of all, but not the father of all, who is He the Father of? **Romans 8:16-17**
5. As you look to fill the void in your heart, why is it valuable that the Spirit testifies to your spirit? What's the twofold way that it works to land on the word **Pursuit**? What are the two (2) things the Spirit leads you to pursue? **Romans 8:16**
6. What do you get as an adopted child of God, as your Abba Father? Why is getting a new spirit and a new heart vitally important? What are the three (3) benefits of your inheritance? Why are these critical if you are on the 'descent'? What is the greatest thing about the inheritance you will get? **Romans 8:17a**
7. What's the connection between your inheritance and suffering? Why shouldn't you despise or begrudge the difficult days? Can you keep your eyes on your inheritance through your suffering (various trials)? Can you trust He's at work in your mess to make you more like Him? **Romans 8:17b; James 1:2-4**

Key takeaway: God has ransomed you, He rescued you, He's given you a new name. You're His son, you're His daughter. He chose you, not because you were so good, not because you had so much potential. No, while you were weak, He chose you, He adopted you into His family. And you're a child of the King. He clothed you in righteousness. He's given you all the privileges of being a child of God and He's laid before you an eternal inheritance. He's your loving Father, He chose you and delights in you! That's the Rescue!

Summary:

- Justified = to be declared innocent, even if you are guilty
- You aren't going to be able to save yourself, you'll never be good enough since God's expectation is perfection
- Adoption = happens simultaneous with justification, you are now a child of God, fellow heir with Christ

- If you're not a Christian, God is your Creator, but He's not your Father. He's the Father of those who have been justified.
- The spirit testifies to your spirit to acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus, and that He is Abba Father, leads you to Pursuit = of intimacy with the Father, and pursuit to live a life that pleases Him
- With adoption you're given a new spirit and a new heart, and you can run back to the Father who will truly satisfy you; inheritance has 3 benefits:
 - You will rule & reign for eternity with Christ
 - You will get a Resurrected body, a new imperishable body
 - You get God, unfettered, unbroken, complete access to God
- Count it all joy... suffering with Christ; don't begrudge difficult days God's at work in the mess