The Church as a Family—Security | Romans 8:14-17

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**Sermon Notes**

1. Every Christian has been into God’s family. v. 14-15

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2. Every Christian has received from God the same of adoption. 16-17

**Journey Group Questions**

1. The Jews mistakenly thought that being the descendants of Abraham made them children of God (Luke 3:7-9; John 8:39-44). Likewise, people today have mistaken ideas about what makes a person a child of God. What are some of these mistaken understandings?
2. Read Romans 8:1-17. Genuine children of God possess certain characteristics that identify them as such.
   1. What is the identifying mark of a genuine child of God?
   2. Young Christians often struggle with doubts regarding their faith and salvation. How does this text lead us to greater confidence in our salvation, if we have genuinely trusted Christ as Savior?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5. How does our adoption into God’s family help us to view our present circumstances and even the things that we suffer differently?
4. How are the benefits of belonging to God’s family experienced tangibly through the life of our church?