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at BCF

Delivered from fear as a son of God

9.30AM SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026

Join us for a morning of original songs, testimony and word ministry from Michael Fox.



God's covenant purpose for us

Before the creation of the heavens and the earth, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, discussed Their desire to share Their life with us so that we could live in fellowship with Them forever. They determined to make man in Their image and according to Their likeness. The Bible calls this plan God's Everlasting Covenant.

God loved us so much, that He gave everything He had to bring His purpose to pass. Everything that God created – the heavens, the physical universe, and humankind itself – was for one purpose: that we would become sons of God! God wants to be our Father. The Bible uses the word 'adoption' to describe the redeeming process through which we become a son of God, so that we can live as a part of Their family.



Our bondage to fear

When the first man, Adam, rejected God and sinned against Him, all of mankind became lost to God. They no longer had relationship with God and did not know or believe His plan for their lives. This is true of many people today.

The only source of true life and an eternal destiny is God Himself. Having become separated from God, fear gripped the hearts of men. The fear of death now controls them. It is the fear of having no confidence in our eternal destiny: 'where am I going; what is my purpose?' It is the fear of having no meaningful expression or relationship with others: 'who am I?' Fear motivates us to manufacture a life and an expression from our own imagination. This 'fake ID' is temporary and has no lasting value.

Satan, the ruler of this world, takes advantage of our fear, promoting the lie that the only way to find life and to secure a future, is to compete for survival at all costs. When we believe his lie, our fear of death keeps us in bondage to all manner of sinful thoughts, attitudes, and behaviours.

It is not difficult to observe this fear in the world. It is ‘every man for himself’. Instead of love, people hate one another. Instead of joy, people are depressed and angry. Instead of peace, there are wars and constant fighting. This is not only happening between nations, or communities with opposing beliefs. Fear is the reason why families cannot live in harmony together, and why friends do not trust each other.



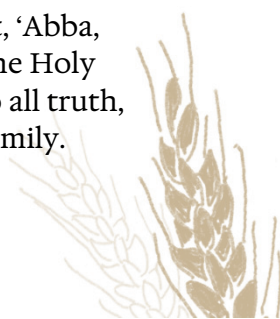
The Spirit of adoption

Wonderfully, God seeks out and finds those who are lost to Him. When He speaks to us, He begins to address the fear that grips our heart. The Scriptures record that the Lord came to Abram and said to him, ‘Do not fear, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.’ Abram was delivered from his fear. He came to know God and to believe God’s plan for his life. Abram was connected to God’s Everlasting Covenant.

When God begins to speak to us, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell with us, convicting us of the truth. The truth is, we were created to become a son of God. The Creator of the universe wants us to be His son! Fear does not need to keep us in bondage to sin. Rather, we can live by the faith that God gives to us, and we can trust His plan for our life.

You might recognise that the Holy Spirit is coming to you, asking this very question: ‘Do you want to be a son of God?’ Amazingly, as we say, ‘yes’, to the conviction of the Holy Spirit, He gives us the faith to believe for what is totally impossible and unthinkable; we can believe that we are a son of God!

Because of our choice to believe, the Holy Spirit is sent to dwell in our heart. More than just helping us to believe that we can be a son of God, the Holy Spirit gives us capacity to cry out, ‘Abba, Father’; ‘You are my Father!’ It is for this reason that the Holy Spirit is called ‘the Spirit of adoption’. He leads us into all truth, enabling us to be a son of God who is a part of Their family.



Questions to consider...

Read Romans 8:15 in the Bible.

- Many people are separated from God and His plan for their lives. Fear grips their heart because they don't know who they are and why they were created. Are you hearing God say to you, 'Do not fear'? Consider how fear motivates your sinful thoughts and behaviours, and how God wants to deliver you from your fear.
- Is the Holy Spirit drawing near to you? When you receive and believe God's promise to you, He will send the Holy Spirit to dwell in your heart as the Spirit of adoption. The Holy Spirit will give you the capacity to cry out to God as your Father. Consider what it means to relate to God as your Father. How will this change the way that you are living?

You are warmly invited to join us:

- Songs and worship | 9.30am – 10.15am
- Word ministry | 10.15am – 11.00am
- Morning tea | 11.15am – 12.30pm

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