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In Christ I Am . . . A Child of God

Romans 8:14-17

Neither our public reputation nor our personal perception defines who we are in Christ. The believer's proper view of self (self-worth, self-esteem) must be seen from their position in Christ.

- I. In Christ I have family _____ (14)
- II. In Christ I have family _____ (14-15a)
- III. In Christ I enjoy family _____ (15b)
- IV. In Christ I have family _____ (16)
- V. In Christ I gain a family _____ (17)
- VI. In Christ I experience family _____ (17)

This sweet word Abba was chosen to show us that we are to be very natural with God, and not stilted and formal. We are to be very affectionate and come close to Him, and not merely say "Pater," which is a cold Greek word (for father), but say "Abba," which is a warm, natural, loving word, fit for one who is a little child with God, and feels the freedom to lie in His bosom and look up into His face and speak with holy boldness. Abba is but a babe's lisping. Oh, how near we are to God when we can use such speech! How dear He is to us and dear we are to Him when we may address Him in this manner, saying, like the great Son Himself, "Abba, Father."

- Charles Spurgeon