

## Abba: EGW Search

The gospel of Christ alone can free him from the condemnation or the defilement of sin. He must exercise repentance toward God, whose law has been transgressed, and faith in Christ, his atoning sacrifice. Thus he obtains "remission of sins that are past," and becomes a partaker of the divine nature. **He is a child of God, having received the spirit of adoption, whereby he cries, "Abba, Father!"** {GC88 467.3}

**You have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.** Rom. 8:15, 16, RSV. {LHU 227.1}

While the law of God is maintained, and its justice vindicated, the sinner can be pardoned. The dearest gift that heaven itself had to bestow has been poured out that God "might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." By that gift men are uplifted from the ruin and degradation of sin to become children of God. Says Paul: "Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." . . . {LHU 227.2}

And He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. **And He said, Abba Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from Me: nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt.** And He cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." Mark 14:34-38. {8T 100.2}

Read these words carefully. **Many today are asleep, as were the disciples. They are not watching and praying lest they enter into temptation.** Let us read and study those portions of God's word that have special reference to these last days, pointing out the dangers that will threaten God's people. {8T 100.3}

Paul says further: "**As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**" Verses 14, 15. **One of the lessons that we are to learn in the school of Christ is that the Lord's love for us is far greater than that of our earthly parents.** We are to have unquestioning faith and perfect confidence in Him. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." Verses 16, 17. {8T 126.1}

**May the Lord help you, as a diligent student in the school of Christ, to learn to lay your burdens on Jesus. And if you are free in His love, you will look above and away from these annoying trials.** Think of what Jesus has endured for you, and never forget that it is part of the legacy that we have received as Christians, to be partakers with Him of His sufferings, that we may be partakers with Him of His glory. {8T 126.2}

**Jesus is very precious to me this morning. There is gratitude in my heart for his mercy and love, for the privilege of counting myself a child of God, and of crying, Abba, Father.** I wish every one present could realize the rich blessing that Jesus is waiting to bestow upon us,--upon each one; for he is no respecter of persons. It is our privilege to say with Paul, "I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." {RH, July 1, 1884 par. 1}