

Title: The Adventure Begins - Romans 8 9-17

Read:

But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells—even though you still experience all the limitations of sin—you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's! So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go! This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

Think:

How do you wake up in the mornings? If it is anything like the way I use to wake up it is with a grumble and a moan. Mum or Dad open the door and let you know that it is time to get up. You might lie there thinking, but I don't want to get out of bed, it's cold outside and I have to get myself to college or school. But how do you get up the day of a holiday, birthday, or Christmas. There is no messing on those days is there? You're out of bed like a shot. Singing "zip da de du da" no one is stopping you now. That is what we have been given by Jesus. Our old stinking attitudes have been replaced by Gods spirit. Sure we mess up still and sometimes we forget that God is in us, but we now have the right to expect a full and exciting life, the adventure begins here. God says he wants us like little kids to run to him and say hey Pappa, hey Daddy what are doing today. He's not some sought of Earthy Father who may have to say sorry I have to work today. No he says fantastic lets do it together, lets run out into this world and find out what adventure we can have. The adventure begins here.

Pray:

Lord I thank you for my life that you have given me. Lord I thank you that your Spirit is in me. Father please show me where the adventure is each day as I run out into the world. Amen.

Action:

So what is the adventure God has in store for you? Why don't you pray that prayer again and then let us know how God responds. Email us at podcast@aftershock.org.uk. Bye for now.