

EXCRUCIATUS

FROM THE CROSS

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In the Cross I Find Acceptance

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Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵to redeem those under law, that we might receive the [adoption] of sons. ⁶Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Romans 8:12-17

¹²Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, ¹⁴because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of [adoption]. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

For this week – read the following passages slowly, thoughtfully, and prayerfully:

- Ephesians 1:1-14
 - Galatians 4:1-7
 - Romans 8:18-27
 - Romans 8:28-39
 - Luke 15:11-31
 - Matthew 27:45-54
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Lord Jesus,

I recognize my need for forgiveness and grace. Thank you for bearing the penalty of my sin on the cross. Today, I accept your gift of salvation. I invite you to be my Heavenly Father as I live as your adopted child.

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