

Hurstbourne Baptist Church: May 10, 2020
Sermon Notes on Luke 15:11-32
"Sons, Not Slaves" (Part 2)

- **Galatians 4:6-7 Review**

- Because of our faith in Jesus Christ, we are _____ into the family of God. We now possess the Spirit of Christ and are able to cry out, "Abba, Father" (Galatians 4:7)

- **Luke 15:11-32 Sermon Outline**

- The _____ of the Younger Brother
- The _____ of the Older Brother
- The _____ of the Matter

- **Context**

- Jesus told the Parable of the Prodigal Sons to two groups of people:
 - _____ (Luke 15:1)
 - _____ (Luke 15:2)

- **The Heart of the Younger Brother**

- The Younger Brother _____ his Father and treated Him with _____ (5:12).
- When the Younger Brother "came to Himself" (15:17), he told his father, "Treat me like a _____" (15:19).

- **The Heart of the Older Brother**

- The Older Brother _____ his Father and treated Him with _____.
- I have _____ for you, but you never even gave me a _____ (15:29).

- **The Heart of the Matter**

- The younger brother did the _____ things outwardly; he did not possess the _____ of a true son. The older brother did all the _____ things outwardly but inwardly did not possess the _____ of a true son.
- Here's the punch: the morally debauched younger brother was saved, but the morally "righteous" older brother was not. Do you understand why? If not, please contact a pastor.

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- **"Our understanding of Christianity cannot be better than our grasp of adoption"** (J. I. Packer, *Knowing God*, 201). Packer also wrote, "If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all."
- "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1).
- "To all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God" (John 1:12-13).
- Many Christians go through life with a "prodigal suspicion." Much like the Prodigal, "we have the status of sons, but the mind-set of a hired servant" (Ferguson, *Children of the Living God: Delighting in the Father's Love*, 31). Often, our concentration is focused so heavily upon our failure to keep the law that we believe we must relate to God as servants only. But in Jesus Christ, God receives us as sons, not slaves.