

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT (Romans 8)

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SONS AND HEIRS OF GOD – LED BY GOD’S SPIRIT

THEREFORE: THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS. BECAUSE IN CHRIST JESUS THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT, SET US FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH. Rom. 8:1-2

Those who live according to the sinful Nature have their minds set on what that nature desires. Rom 8:5

But:

Those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. Rom 8 :5b

Those who do not have the spirit of Christ do not belong to Christ, and face ultimate death. Rom 8:9 Rom 8: 13

However Christ has made it possible for us to be-come Son and Daughters of God, Through the act of Calvary...He became a sin offering for us Rom 8:3

Christ’s spirit of “Sonship” (not natural) replaces the old spirit of servitude (fearful) Adopted as full family members, not slaves or servants. Romans 8:15

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION:

For Paul, adoption as a son of God is a relationship of GRACE, unlike the Sonship of Christ, who was Son by nature (John 1:14) It involves a change of status, planned from eternity and mediated by Jesus Christ (Eph 1:5), from Slavery to Sonship. Paul uses the analogy of Slaves....Once adopted we want to cry out ABBA FATHER the Son of God posses all family rights including access to the FATHER Rom 8:15

The witness of our spirit lies in the knowledge of our spiritual transformation Rom 8:16 We have been changed 1 John 5:6.

Now led by the Spirit Romans 8:11-14

We are now HEIRS OF GOD AND CO-HEIRS WITH CHRIST

INHERITANCE: 1 Peter 1:4 - PRICELESS (purchased with the Blood of Jesus
PROCURED – Kept
PURE – Beyond reach of change or decay
PERMANENT “ “
PROTECTED “ “

WHAT IS THAT INHERITANCE:

1. We will get to be with God Forever 1 Thes 4:17 1 Thes 5:10
2. We will be changed to be like Christ 1 John 3:2
3. We will be free from all Pain and Death etc Rev. 21:6
4. We will be rewarded Mark 9:4, 10:30 1 Cor 3:8 Heb. 10:35
5. We will get to share in Christ's Glory Rom 8:17 Col 3:4 2 Thes 2:14

THIS IS OUR INHERITANCE IF WE HAVE EXPERIENCED THE NEW BIRTH John 3:16 and are led by the SPIRIT. NO LONGER CONDEMNED BY THE LAW

GRACE TRIUMPHS OVER LAW and believers find deliverance from SIN

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IF WE SHARE IN HIS SUFFERING IN ORDER THAT WE MAY SHARE IN HIS GLORY Rom 8:17.

The Message puts it this way:

So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one cent. There is 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, grace-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.