

Session #28: “THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION”— Romans 8:12-17

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- What are the results we can expect if we live according to the flesh? How about if by the Spirit we put to death the deeds of the body, what then?
- How many ways can you think of that the Holy Spirit leads or guides us? (We'll discuss seven)
- The Holy Spirit leads and guides the believer. Are you always sure how and the way the Holy Spirit is leading you? How can you be more sure?
- How does the Holy Spirit guarantee us access to the Father? Assurance that we belong to God?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20; Principle #2 - JUSTIFICATION - 3:21-5:21

Principle #3 - SANCTIFICATION - 6:1-7:25;

- Principle #4 - SECURITY - 8:1-39 - “No condemnation-No Separation”
- 1A. GIVEN BY THE **PRESENCE** OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - ROMANS 8:1-17
- 1B. As to the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of the law - 8:1-4
- 2B. As to the REALITY of the flesh - 8:5-13
 - 1C. The **Characteristics** of those who walk after the flesh - 5-8
 - 2C. The **Confidence** for those who walk in the Spirit - 9-11 - The word “*Spirit*” appears 21 times in ch. 8
 - 3C. The Conclusions we draw - 12-13 - “*therefore*” (Strong statement in light of all we’re saying) - Greek: *ara oun* - cf. 7:25; 8:1
 - 1D. The **reason we are “debtors” is the presence and power of the Holy Spirit** – 12 - We are “debtors” (cf. 1:14) to use His power rightly - We now belong to God - temples of the Holy Spirit – we are not to defile the temple - 1 Cor. 6:18-20

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

Rom 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will (are going to die—destined, inevitable) die; but if by the Spirit you put to death (to cause total cessation of an activity) the deeds of the body, you will live (in the glory of the life to come).

2D. The results we can expect - 13

1E. If we live according to the flesh - death! - “if” - if and it is so “will” - Greek: *mellete* – about to die (to be inevitable, be destined, inevitable)

2E. If we put to death the deeds of the body - life! - NOTE: The word for “*spirit*” in *verse 13* - Is it the Holy Spirit or our spirit?

(1) No definite article - cf. v. 16

(2) No qualifying adjective - “holy”

(3) No qualifying noun - “*of God*” - v. 14 - “of adoption” However, the teaching of verses 9-11 refers to the Holy Spirit, and without His help and power, how could we “put to death the deeds of the body”? - Gal 5:16 The meaning of put to death (mortify) - the argument Paul laid out from chapter 6 on! cf. 6:6 - Paul uses this thought 11 times! cf. Gal. 5:24-25; 6:14; Col. 3:5, 9; We need the Holy Spirit constantly!

- 3B. As to our RELATIONSHIP with God -8:14-17 –
Notice three things about the work of the Holy Spirit in our personal relationship to God and the security we have because of it:

1C. The Holy Spirit Leads/Guides us – 14

- 2C. The Holy Spirit Guarantees our access to the Father – 15
3C. The Holy Gives assurance to us that we belong to God - 16-17

*Rom 8:14 For **as many as are led by the Spirit of God**, these are **sons of God**.; heirs of God!)*

“sons of God” - in the OT, it refers to angels cf. *Gen. 6:2, 4; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7* - The NT uses three different words: the word *nepios* (a toddler), *teknon* (a born one), and *huios* (heir) – they are often used interchangeably in the same passage. In ch. 8 verse 14 it is the word *huios* (**persons related or closely associated as if by ties of sonship, son, in a special sense the devout believers, are sons of God, i.e., in the light of the social context, people of special status and privilege**), but in verse 16 it is the word *tekna*. In verse 19 it is *huios* again but in verse 21 it is *tekna*. *Gal. 3:26* uses the word *huios*, but *John 1:12* uses the word *tekna*. The word *tekna* refers to birth, but the word *huios* refers to adoption.

1C. The Holy Spirit Leads/Guides us – 14 - “**are led by the Spirit of God**” - No **“if”** here - but **“as many as”** The Holy Spirit is leading the sons of God!

1D. To peace - *Psa. 23:2* - *Isa. 55:12* - “**For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace**”

2D. To righteousness (to do what is right!)- *Psa. 23:3* - *Isa. 48:17* - “**Who leads you by the way you should go**” - *Psalms 107:4-7*

3D. To freedom - *Gal. 5:1-2; 18*

4D. To repentance - *Rom. 2:4* - “**the goodness of God leads you to repentance**”

5D. To safety - *Deut. 8:2, 15; 29:2; Psalm 106:8-10; John 10:1-4, 9*

6D. To truth - *John 16:13* Who does the “you” refer to in this verse?

7D. To the will of God - *Acts 16:6-10; 21:10-14*

*Rom 8:15 For you **did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption** (of those who believe in Christ and are accepted by God as God’s children with full rights . The Spirit, whom the converts receive, works the Spirit of adoption.) **by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”***

2C. The Holy Spirit Guarantees our access to the Father – 15 –

1D. He eliminates fear - 15a - cf. *1 John 4:18; 2 Tim. 1:7* - “**For God has not given us a spirit of fear**” cf. *Heb. 2:14-18*

2D. He encourages prayer - 15b - “**we cry**” - **used of a boy in distress** - Literally, we continue to cry out - (like yelling) - **used in the Psalms over 40 times** - urgent prayer! cf. *Galatians 4:1-7*

*Rom 8:16 The **Spirit Himself bears witness** (to provide supporting evidence by testifying, confirm, to support by testimony) **with our spirit that we are children of God**,*

*Rom 8:17 and if children, then heirs (one who receives something as a possession , beneficiary; of believers as bestowed by God)—**heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.***

3C. The Holy Gives assurance to us that we belong to God - 16-17

1D. He confirms the truthfulness of God’s Word to my spirit as I read it - *1 John 5:6-13; John 19:34-37* As you read the Bible does your spirit tell you it is true?

2D. He convinces us that we have a real inheritance coming because of our faith in Jesus Christ - 17a

3D. He comforts us in our trials, knowing that one day it will be worth it all - 17b - “**if indeed**” - - (if, and it is so!) or seeing that - we can endure our trials and sufferings now, knowing of the glory we shall soon have! - cf. *2 Cor. 4:16-18*

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SONG: *He Leadeth Me!* He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate’er I do, where’er I be, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me. He leadeth me, He leadeth me! By His own hand He leadeth me. His faithful follower I will be, for by His hand He leadeth me.