



## WE ARE ADOPTED CHILDREN OF GOD

Romans 8:12-19

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Good morning church! This past week, we read in chapter 8 of Paul's contrast between the old pattern of life and the new, *between life in the flesh and in the Spirit*, is now worked out in two settled attitudes or mind-sets: one under the influence of the "flesh," the other under the influence of Christ through the Spirit within us. We also must beware of the indwelling sin nature that is a threat to our Christlikeness, our holiness and our righteousness of Christ in us. I want to start off by reminding you of verse 1 before we read our text today, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus." Are you in Christ Jesus? Meaning, Have you settled the issue of your salvation? If not, are you ready to respond to the voice of the Spirit drawing you to faith in Jesus? I invite you to make your move as the Spirit moves in you today.

### ROMANS 8:12-19

*"So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoptions as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" **16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. **17** and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. **18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.*

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### III. The Holy Spirit Makes Us HOLY as the DEEDS of the Body are Put to DEATH (v 12-13)

*"And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."*

**1 Corinthians 6:11**

Three principle defense reactions of our minds:

- **FIGHT** — to confront the threat aggressively
- **FLIGHT** — to avoid perceived or actual danger
- **FREEZE** — to feel immobilized and stuck

A proper response with the mind of the Spirit:

- **FAITH** — to practice faithful obedience no matter the risk

- The means the Spirit uses to accomplish this process is our FAITHFUL obedience to the simple commands of SCRIPTURE.  
(Ephesians 5:18; Colossians 3:16; Luke 22:40; John 17:17; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 1 Peter 2:11)

#### IV. The Holy Spirit **CONFIRMS ADOPTION** as God's **CHILDREN** (v 14-16)

- ADOPTION — A Change of FAMILY — in God
- You are a BELOVED child of God.

#### IV. The Holy Spirit Grants **ETERNAL INHERITANCE** as Heirs of Christ. (v 17-19)

*Adopted Children of God will Inherit:*

- Eternal SALVATION
- GOD Himself
- GLORY
- EVERYTHING in the Universe
- SUFFERING because of our LORD is the proof of a believer's ultimate glory.

#### **Salvation is Trusting in Jesus Christ**

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. Have you settled the issue of your salvation? If not, are you ready to respond to the voice of the Spirit drawing you to faith in Jesus? I invite you to make your move. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in the Jesus receiving His forgiveness. AND BE BAPTIZED where you unashamedly identify yourself with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God. Amen.** If you have just given your life to Christ, welcome to the family! For your next three steps: tell someone what you've done, start reading your Bible, and find a small group to build a good Christian community that will help you grow.*