





PAUL'S LETTER TO THE

# Romans

# Life in the Spirit

Romans 8: 14-17

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- One point we established a couple weeks ago is the idea regarding the **debt** believers owe the Lord.
- V.12-13...
  - Hortatory statement...an urging to move to some course of conduct.
  - As believers, we are expected to live a certain way.
  - In the same way that Christ died and then rose to *new life*, we too must *die* in order to experience salvation.

## V.14...

1. He's saying that because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, true believers possess a supernatural inclination for righteous living.
2. We should stand out the rest.
  - a. Fruit- The visible distinction that separates believers from unbelievers.
  - b. It doesn't matter who's coming or going from church, or what we are saying in that process to convince one another of what we stand for

# V.15...

1. Paul writes that He is not a spirit of bondage Who fosters a relapse back into fear.
  - a. Fear- the condition we were in before becoming Christians
  - b. He exists within us to bring about godly change.
2. In the sense that it was through Him that we received our adoption
  - a. Galatians 4:6
  - b. The Holy is not the agent of adiption. That office belongs to the Father, making Him the agent of adoption. The Holy Spirit manifests the work within us.

# V.15...

- A few verses along the point.
  - 2 Cor. 3:17
  - Phil. 4:4-7
  - John 14:26-27

# V.16...

The uniqueness of the Christian Faith is that we receive an immediate confirmation of salvation by way of the Holy Spirit! He communicates adoption to us!

- Not a confirmation we generate for ourselves by some mystical means
- It's not a conclusion we reach because we come to church often enough or because we give often enough.
- Not a conclusion we reach because we pray a prayer with someone either/ Although that's part of it.

# V.16...

- SALVATION is confirmed when we experience within us the witness borne by the Holy Spirit Himself
  - NOT by hearing God's audible voice.
    - It's a spiritual dialogue between Spirit and spirit.
    - It usually takes place in the form of God's unfolding promises in our hearts.
    - The manifestation of a different type of LOVE; it begins to spill over our souls.
    - I know that we are quick to declare persons to be saved after they pray a prayer with us. The truth is Salvation is confirmed by the hearts who REPENT.

# V.17...

- He says, “if children, then heirs”.
  - In other words, if the Holy Spirit has confirmed your salvation, then our certain expectation is an inheritance in heaven.
  - “Heirs of God can involve nothing less than that the sons of God are heirs of the inheritance which God Himself has laid up for us”

# V.17...

- Psalm 73:25-26
  - The reward of Christ was that He was glorified with the Father after He concluded His work here on Earth.
- John 17:3-5
  - Therefore, because our salvation is in Christ, “Joint-heirs with Christ means that the children of God enter in **jointly** with Christ into the possession of the inheritance, which was bestowed upon Him”
  - But there’s more: The really interesting portion of this verse is, Paul writes that he will be glorified if we suffer with Christ.

- This is the part that we are supposed to take ownership of! Christianity is not made personal, and is therefor null and void.

A. To be intentional-Jn. 4:23-24

B. To be committed-Mk. 8:34-38

C. To have our minds made up-Phil. 4:8-9

D. To be willing to stand up for truth- Heb. 10:23

E. To die for Jesus- Romans 12:1-2

F. To be seperate from the world- 2 Cor. 6:14-18

G. To endure or to stand firm- 1 Pt. 5:9