




Adoption in Christ

Romans 8:12-17



So then, brethren, we are under obligation,
not to the flesh, to live according to the
flesh—

(8:12)

*But we are under obligation
to the Spirit,
To live according to the Spirit*



for if you are living according to the flesh,
you must die;

but if by the Spirit you are putting to death
the deeds of the body,
you will live. (8:13)



For all who are being led by the Spirit of God,
these are sons of God.

(8:14)

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

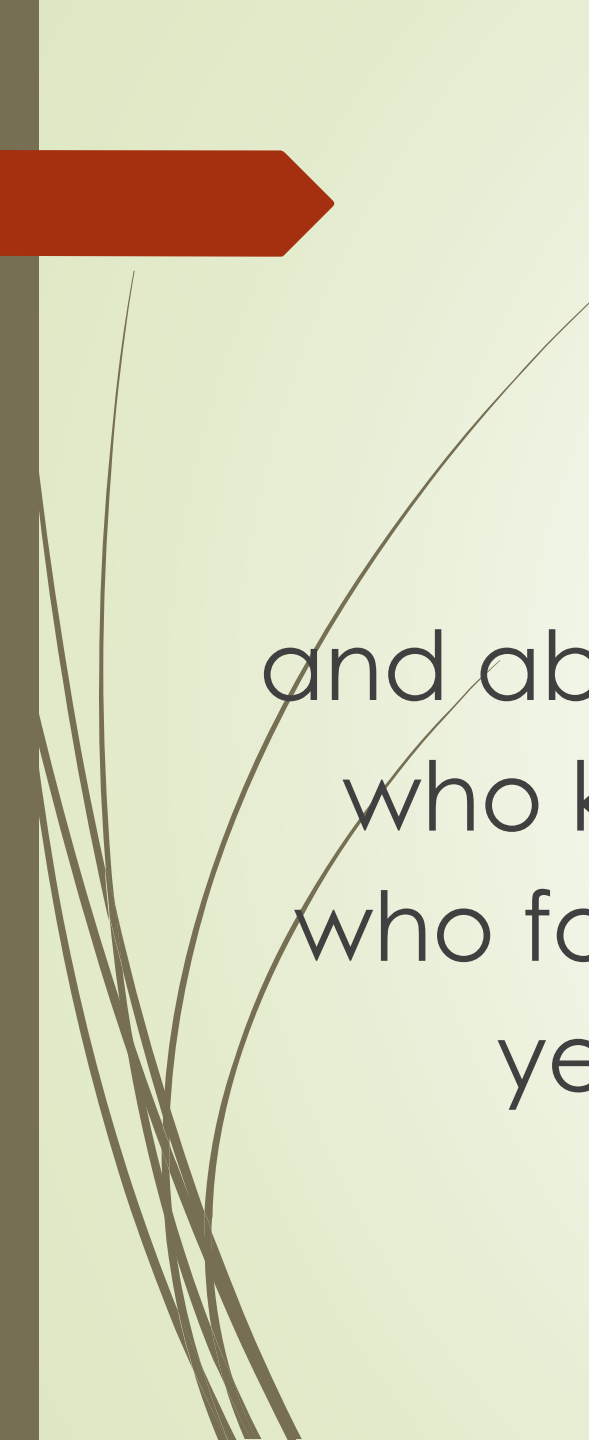
(Galatians 5:22-23)



For you have not received a spirit of
slavery

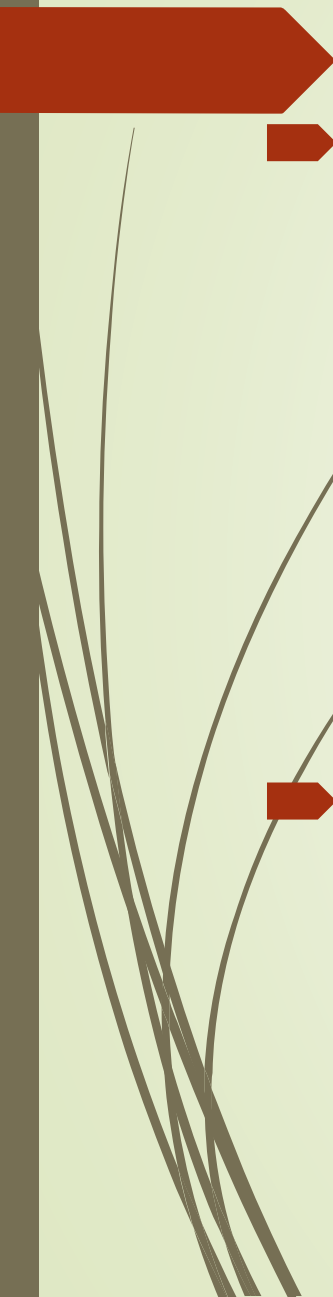
leading to fear again,

but you have received a spirit of adoption
as sons by which we cry out, “Abba!
Father!” (8:15)




“The LORD, the LORD God,
compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger,
and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;
who keeps lovingkindness for thousands,
who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin;
yet He will by no means leave the
guilty unpunished.”

(Exodus 34:6-7a)

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- Born again (John 3:3)
 - Of spirit (John 3:7-8)
 - Through living word of God (1 Peter 1:23)
 - To living hope (1 Peter 1:3)

 - New creation (2 Cor. 5:17)
 - Only thing of benefit (Gal. 6:14-16)



Adoption (Ro. 8:15)

➤ Predetermined (Eph. 1:3-6)

➤ Redeemed (Gal. 4:4-5)

➤ Children of God (1 John 3:1)

➤ Born of God (John 1:12-13)

➤ Not orphans (John 14:18)

➤ “Our Father” (Matt. 6:9)

➤ “Abba, Father” (Gal. 4:6)



The spirit itself agrees with our spirit that we are God's children.

If we are His children, then we are His heirs.

We are heirs of God, and fellow-heirs with the Messiah, provided that we suffer with him in order to take part in the future glory of the Kingdom with him.

(Ro. 8:16-17, The One God translation)



➤ Heirs (Ro. 8:16-17)

➤ Abraham's descendants-heirs according to promise (Gal. 3:29)

➤ Galatians 4:7

➤ Partakers of the promise (Eph. 3:6)

➤ Hope of eternal life (Titus 3:7)

➤ Heirs of Kingdom (James 2:5)



- Past reality

- Chosen from foundation of world (Eph. 1:4)

- Present reality

- Spirit in our hearts (Gal. 4:6)

- Future reality

- Redemption of our bodies (Ro 8:23)

- Inheritance of Kingdom (Gal. 4:7)

Challenge for the Child of God



1. develop “new” and “spiritual” opinions, attitudes, and responses to the world
2. persevere as we wait for our hope of the Kingdom to be revealed