

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, A LIFE OF SONSHIP  
Romans 8:14-18

INTRODUCTION:

- A. To live a fleshly life is to fail
  - 1) The flesh cannot please God
  - 2) It never has faith! It has never made anyone happy!
  - 3) The product is always death!
  
- B. To live after the Spirit is life
  - 1) It is spiritual life
  - 2) It is eternal life
  - 3) It's product is always life
  
- I. Those Who Live in the Spirit Live as Sons vs. 14, 15, 16
  - A. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." vs. 14
    - 1) "led" = ago = "to lead", "to conduct"
    - 2) "sons" = uios = "a mature son"
    - 3) "Those who follow the leading of God's Spirit are the mature sons of God."
  
  - B. "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear;" vs. 15
    - 1) "received" = lambano = "to take what is given"
    - 2) "bondage" = douleia = "servitude", "slavery"
    - 3) "fear" = phobos = "terror", "fright", "dismay"
    - 4) "For you did not receive the spirit of a slave to fill you with fear again"
  
  - C. "but ye have received the Spirit of adoption"
    - 1) "received" = lambano = "to take what one gives"
    - 2) "adoption" = uios = "a son" + thesis = "a setting or placing" = receiving into the relation of a son", "the making or constitution of a son"
    - 3) "but you have accepted the attitude of a son"
  
  - D. "whereby we cry, Abba, Father"
    - 1) "whereby" = en = "in or by" + o = "which"
    - 2) "cry" = krazo = "to cry out"
    - 3) "Abba" = An Aramaic expression used in prayer an in the family circle"
    - 4) "father" = pater = "father"
    - 5) "enabling us to cry out, My Father, My Dear Father". Mon.
  
  - E. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." vs. 16
    - 1) "beareth witness" = summartuei = "to bear witness with someone", "to confirm", "to testify in support of someone". Each attesting witness signed the same document.



- 2) "children" = teknon = "that which is born"
- 3) The spirit God gave us when we by faith received what God can give us, gives a confirming witness that we are a child of God.
- 4) Our spirit and God's Spirit say the same thing. You are sons!

II. What the Father and Children Share vs. 17

- A. "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ;" vs. 17
- 1) "children" = teknon = "that which is born", "a child by natural descent"
  - 2) "heirs" = kleronomos = "receiving a portion, especially an inheritance", "an heir", "one who has (a lot) one who has the inheritance"
  - 3) "heirs of God" = God is the Father, we are His sons, therefore we shall inherit what God has prepared for His people. Ephesians 1:11
  - 4) "joint-heirs" = sugkleronomos = "an heir together with another"
  - 5) "If we are his children we share his treasures, and all that Christ claims as his will belong to us as well!" Phi
  - 6) Christ is a son. We are a son. As joint-heirs we will inherit what God has prepared.
- B. "if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."
- 1) We shall share in His glorious future
  - 2) What do we share now?
  - 3) "suffer" = sumpascho = sun = "together in conjunction with" + pascho = "to be effected by anything from without", "to be acted on", "to be subjected to evil and suffer from it"
  - 4) "glorified" = sundoxazo = "to glorify together"
  - 5) "presuming we suffer jointly, so that we may enjoy glory jointly"
- C. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." vs. 18
- 1) "reckon" = logizomai = "to count", "to calculate"
  - 2) "sufferings" = pathema = "what is suffered"
  - 3) "present time" o = "the", nun = "now" + kairos = "season", "opportunity", "the now opportunity"
  - 4) "worthy" = axios = "that which balances the scales, hence of equal worth"
  - 5) "compared" = pros = "towards", "in comparison with" "thinking forward and considering"
  - 6) "glory" = doxa

- 7) "revealed" = apokalupto = "to remove the veil or covering away from, and so to expose to open view what was before hidden"
- 8) "when I think about our suffering and the present season and then think about the coming glory, they bear no comparison at all"

### III. To Sum It Up

- A. We are by birth (New) the sons of God
  - 1) We are born again sons
  - 2) We are adopted sons
- B. We are His heirs and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ
  - 1) As sons of God we have a "lot"
  - 2) As brothers with Christ we share what He has wrought
- C. We should share in His suffering
  - 1) They will seem of little worth
  - 2) The balance scales are tilted in favor of suffering now.