

Go Deep

Romans 8:14-17

1. How would someone be able to tell that you are the child of your parents? How could someone know that you are a child of God? (See Rom 8:14; 1 John 3:9; 4:7; 5:1; 5:4; Mt 5:9, 44-45; John 8:42; Hebrews 12:7-9.)
2. *Read 8:13-14.* What does it mean to be “led” by the Spirit of God? Led where? Led how? Why does being led by the Spirit show that you are child of God?
3. How do you see the background of the Exodus in 8:14?
4. *Read 8:15.* How do you see the Exodus story here?
5. How does the Spirit give freedom from slavery? In what way do people led by the Spirit able to live without fear? Is there fear in a life of sin? Is religious legalism?
6. How can you be a child of God if Jesus is God’s One and Only Son. What is the difference between being made in God’s image and being a child of God?
7. Why does Paul use the phrase “adoption to sonship” to describe the Christian’s relationship to God? What are the advantages of our adoption? What are the responsibilities of our adoption?
8. *Read 8:16.* Who is the Spirit testifying to—God, the world, or the individual? How does the Spirit testify?
9. *Read 8:17.* What will you inherit as God’s heir? When will you receive it?
10. How does hope for these things affect the way you live now? What happens to a person who only hopes in earthly things?
11. How do we “suffer with Christ”? What kind of things would qualify as “suffering with Christ”?
12. What will it be like to be “glorified” with Christ?