

WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS

A graphic featuring two hands, palms up, holding the word "FREEDOM" in large, bold, black capital letters. The hands and the word are silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The entire graphic is set within a rectangular frame with a torn-paper edge.

FREEDOM

ROMANS 8

THE BELIEVERS DECLARATION OF FREEDOM:
Welcome To The Family

Romans 8:12-17



We look forward to a world free
upon four essential human freedoms.

The first is freedom of speech
expression. The second is freedom
every person to worship God in
his own way. The third is freedom from
want. The fourth is freedom from

— *Franklin D. Roosevelt* —

Romans 8: The Christians Declaration Of Freedom

- Freedom from Judgement= NO CONDEMNATION
- Freedom from Defeat= NO OBLIGATION
- Freedom from Discouragement= NO FRUSTRATION
- Freedom from fear= NO SEPARATION

The work of the Spirit in our lives

- He changes our THINKING
- He produces LIFE & PEACE in and through us
- He DWELLS in us
- He will RESURRECT us
- He makes us more like JESUS (sanctification)
- He confirms our ADOPTION

The Work of The Spirit in Our Lives; He makes EVERYTHING NEW!

- A new FREEDOM (1-4)
- A new MINDSET (5-8)
- A new INDWELLING PRESENCE (9-11)
- A new IDENTITY (12-17)

As a result of no condemnation and having the
companionship of the Holy Spirit, *followers of Christ have a
new focus, a new family, and a new future.*

Big Idea

“So then, brothers and sisters, we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh, ¹³because if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Romaans 8:12-13 (CSB)

“For all those led by God’s Spirit are God’s sons.”

Romans 8:14 (CSB)

“For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, *Abba*, Father!”

Romans 8:15 (CSB)

The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, ¹⁷and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:16-17 CSB

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“Sanctification is the continuing change worked by God in us, freeing us from sinful habits and forming in us Christlike affections, dispositions, and virtues. It does not instantly eradicate sin, nor does it merely restrain or repress sin. Sanctification produces real transformation.”

Definition

A close-up photograph of a man and a young girl lying down together. The man, on the right, is wearing glasses and a white t-shirt, smiling warmly. The girl, on the left, has curly hair and is also smiling. They are both looking towards the camera. A dark blue horizontal band with white text is superimposed over the middle of the image.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE
CO-HEIRS WITH CHRIST?

A New FOCUS

8:12-13



F.L.E.S.H.

- F- Following
- L- Long
- E- Established
- S- Sinful
- H- Habits



Be killing sin or it will be killing
you.

~ John Owen

So then, brothers and sisters, we are not obligated to the
flesh to live according to the flesh, Romans 8:12



““Fighting sin without the Spirit is like open-hand-slapping a bear; it isn’t going to go well for you.” ...I don’t have the power to stop sin on my own, but I do have the power to submit to the Holy Spirit. ”

Quote

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13

We Have A NEW FAMILY

For all those led by God's Spirit are
God's sons. (Romans 8:14)

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I
have called you by name, you are
mine.” (Isa.43:1)

“I will be a Father to you, and you shall
be sons and daughters to me, says the
Lord Almighty.”)2 Cor.6:18)



“For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “*Abba*,^a Father!” .”

Romans 8:15

Romans Adoption

patria potestas - “the father’s power”

Two Steps of Roman Adoption

1st Step: mancipatio (emancipation)

2nd Step: vindicatio

4 Results of Romans adoption

1. The adopted person lost all rights to his old family and gained all rights in his new family.
2. The adopted person became the full heir to his new father's estate even if there were other sons.
3. The adopted person's old life was completely wiped out.
4. In the eyes of Roman law and society it was as if the adopted person was literally and completely the son of his new father in every sense.

“ABBA”

- Not a Swedish pop band from the 80's
- You have a new adoption. A new inheritance. A new IDENTITY!
- Mark 14:36: “And He said, ‘Abba, Father all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.’”
- Gal.4:6: “And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’”
- Rom.8:16: “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

- 1 John 4:13: “By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.”
- **2 Cor.1:21-22:** “And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put His seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”
- Eph.1:13-14: “In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”
- **The Holy Spirit confirms our adoption and therefore we can have confidence we are children of God.**

A NEW FUTURE

- Romans 8:17: “And if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...”
- Gal.4:7: “So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”
- 1 Peter 1:4: “To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.”

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What does it mean to be a Co-Heir of Christ?

**You don't just get a portion; you get it
all!**