

Children of God

Introduction

- First Paul began with the righteousness of God
- God's response to man's unrighteousness - 1:24-25
- The condition of man - 2:1-2
- All are violating the law of God - 3:9-10
- Having God's righteousness - 3:21-22
- Chapter 4 - pedigree will not save, only Jesus.
- Chapters 5 and 6 present the gospel - 6:23
- Chapter 7 we are given the conflict of the flesh and Spirit
- Chapter 8, the answer to the conflict of flesh and spirit - the Spirit of God
 - There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ
 - The law of the Spirit has freed us from the law of the flesh
 - Living in the flesh we can never please God,
 - We are not in the flesh but in the Spirit since He dwells in us.
 - The Spirit has made us alive
 - The Spirit gives us power

I. Led by the Spirit - Romans 8:14

- A. An evidence of our salvation - led by the Spirit of God
 - 1. Our connection to the Spirit of God should be obvious
 - 2. He takes up residence there to never leave us or forsake us
- B. Our desire for obeying the Father is our certificate of kinship
 - 1. The Spirit identifies us to our Father
 - 2. He is like our Spiritual DNA

II. Spirit of Adoption - Romans 8:15

- A. The Law was our school master - Galatians 3:24
 - 1. We try to obey the school master (law) out of fear
 - 2. We are not bound to it in love or faith
- B. Under the Spirit of adoption, we live without fear – Galatians 3:25

III. Confirmed by the Spirit - Romans 8:16

- A. The law only confirmed we could not be a child of God
- B. The Spirit continually confirms that we are a child of God!

IV. Heirs of God - Romans 8:17

- A. Being a child of God, then we are an heir of God - 1 Peter 2:9-10
- B. We are "joint-heirs" with Jesus.
- C. Being a part of the family means that just as we are glorified together we also suffer together
 - 1. God is your Father and we are your brothers and sisters.
 - 2. We rejoice and suffer together - 1 Corinthians 12:25-27