

More Than Conquerors

Studies in Romans Chapter 8

3. Settle into the family

Romans 8:12-18

¹² Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, ¹⁴ because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. ¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

We've been rerouted

▲ *There's a new order*

¹ those who are in Christ Jesus — ¹⁰ Christ is in you

▲ *There's a new obligation*

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▲ *There's a new obvious*

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We've been reclaimed and reborn

▲ *The Spirit activates our adoption — this is an inner work*

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- ▼ *freedom from fear*
- ▼ *familiarity with the Father*
- ▼ *favor with the Father*
- ▼ *forged into a family*

▲ *The Spirit affirms our adoption — there is an inner witness*

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We've become really rich

▲ *We share in Christ's grief now*

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings

▲ *We'll share in Christ's glory next*

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Recommendations for resettlement

- ▼ *Receive your salvation, sinner — a brand new life is waiting for you*
- ▼ *Rise to the responsibility of your salvation — and live as children chosen and cherished by God*
- ▼ *Rejoice in the riches of your salvation — consider God's blessings here and in heaven*