

Abba Father! The Cry of Empowered Freedom (Romans 8:1-17)

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(1) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (2) For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (3) For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, (4) in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

(5) For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. (6) For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. (7) For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. (8) Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

(9) You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. (10) But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (11) If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

(12) So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. (13) For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

(14) For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (15) For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" (16) The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Practical Application

1. Review: The best covenant to live in is the New Covenant/Testament. Relationship with God is more important than the regulations of God. We all have an enemy within us (sin). Jesus Christ can free us from this enemy within. The Holy Spirit of God can enable and empower you to live the best life possible.
2. Christian, you are forgiven. You are united with Christ. He was condemned in your place. There is no condemnation for you, and there never will be. Rest in Jesus today.
3. The Spirit of Life has set you free from sin and death. Live out your freedom today. You have life!
4. God has done the work of salvation for you. Now, because you have the Holy Spirit living inside, you can live a holy, righteous, and Christ-like life.
5. Set your mind on the things of God (The Spirit) each day. What is your mind set on this morning?
6. When you set your mind on the Spirit, you will experience life and peace. Why would you set your mind on anything else?
7. Don't fight against God. Fight against sin. Make war on sin. Joyfully surrender to God. Live to please Him as you rest in the finished work of your Savior.
8. Christian, the Spirit of God dwells in you. You are spiritually alive. So, live!
9. The resurrection power of God living in you is greater than sin, satan, and the evil world system. Live in His power!
10. By the power of God's Spirit, you can put to death the sinful deeds of the body.
11. Be led by God's Spirit every day. How is He leading you today?

12. You are no longer spiritually enslaved to sin and paralyzing fear. You have been set free!
13. You have received the Spirit of adoption. You are a part of God's family. You are His child. He is your Abba.
14. Call out, cry out, and reach out to your Abba Father. Live your life in total dependence upon your Holy Heavenly Daddy.
15. You are an heir of God and a fellow heir with Christ. Your inheritance is glorious, eternal, and all you need. Abba Father is enough for you all day, every day, and forever.
16. We have the privilege on this earth of suffering with and for Christ.
17. One day, you will be glorified with Christ forever. You have an unshakable hope!

Announcements

-New Members class will be on February 4 (12-1pm). You can sign up today. Lunch will be provided. See Pastor Deric or express your interest to attend by sending an email to info@hopemountain.church

-Church Work Day: Saturday, February 10, at 8am

-Feb 11 - Man Church, Lunch, with guest speaker Andrew Varvoutis – See Brad Vick

-Feb 17 – Saturday – Winter Jam Christian Concert – Youth – See David Barrero