

How to Know You Belong to God (pt. 1)

Romans 8:14-17

I. A New Identity (vv. 14-15b)

- A. They are led by the Spirit
 - 1. This is for every Christian, not just for super-Christians

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- A. They are led by the Spirit
- 2. This is grounded in the Scripture, not mystical experience
 - a) This is not you thinking you heard God's voice
 - b) This is not you thinking you have to prove it
 - c) This is you putting to death the deeds of flesh by the Spirit
 - d) This is you being illuminated by the Spirit
 - e) This is you understanding the Word of God

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- A. They are led by the Spirit
- 3. This produces observable fruit, not fake claims
 - a) This is you walking in obedience
 - b) This is you growing by His divine power
 - c) This is you putting in effort
 - d) This is you moving in the right direction

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B. They are not enslaved

1. Fear is a mark of bondage
2. Christians no longer live under fear

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C. They live by faith, not by fear

1. Fear-driven slavery
2. Faith-driven sonship

TAKE HOME:

- What is currently **shaping** your sense of assurance—your performance, or the Spirit's work in you?
- Where are you still living like a **slave** instead of a son?
- What evidence of Spirit-led growth is **increasing** in your life right now?