

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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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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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?