

# **How to Know You Belong to God (pt. 3)**

**Romans 8:14-17**

# INTRODUCTION:

- I. You have a new identity — means you are making war with sin (vv. 13-14)
- II. You have a new intimacy — means you are crying out “Abba! Father!” (vv. 15-16)
- III. You have a new inheritance — means you are willing to suffer with Christ (v. 17)

### III. A New Inheritance (v. 17)

#### A. The Connection Between Children and Heirs (v. 17a)

1. Your **position** has changed
2. Your security is rooted in a **relationship**, not performance
3. Your **future** is already written into the will

### III. A New Inheritance (v. 17)

#### B. The Connection Between Heirs of God and Fellow Heirs of Christ (v. 17b)

1. Christ is the heir of *everything*
2. Our inheritance flows from *union* with Christ
3. We share the Son's *future*—not just His benefits

### III. A New Inheritance (v. 17)

#### C. The Connection Between Suffering and Being Glorified (v. 17c)

1. The “with Hm” of suffering: Not random pain, but shared identification
2. The “provided” that: Not a wage you earn, but a family mark you bear
3. The “in order that”: Suffering has a God-designed purpose, not a pointless existence
4. The connection to Christ’s pattern: Cross then the crown is not an exception—its the way
5. The assurance in it: Suffering does not cancel sonship — It confirms hope

# TAKE HOME:

- Are you making war with sin, or making peace with it?
- When life squeezes you, do you instinctively run to God or away from Him?
- Do you interpret suffering through fear... or through faith in the inheritance still ahead?