

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?