

# Romans 8 – The Absolute Security of the Christian

- I. God has delivered us from condemnation (1-4).
- II. God has changed & empowered us by His Spirit (5-13).
- III. God has adopted us as His children (14-17).

# Children of God (Pt. 2)

*Romans 8:14-17*

## III. God has adopted us as His children (14-17).

### A. The Identity of God's Adopted Children (14)

1. Most people are not God's children.
2. All true Christians have been adopted as God's children.
3. The test of true sonship is being led by the Spirit.

### B. The Intimacy of God's Adopted Children (15)

### C. The Certainty of God's Adopted Children (16)

# How does the Spirit use the Word to testify to us about our adoption?

1. He enables us to believe the promises of the gospel.
  - John 1:12; 3:36; Jn. 6:35, 37-40; 10:27-29; 11:25-27
2. He calls us to examine ourselves against the Scripture (2 Cor. 13:5).
  - Do you love and obey Jesus Christ and His Word?
    - Eph. 6:24; 1 Cor. 16:22; John 14:20-21, 24
  - Is your life characterized by the fruit of the Spirit?
    - Gal. 5:22-23
  - Are you pursuing holiness?
    - Rom. 8:14, 16

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- a. God is our Father (Gal. 4:7).
  - He loves us (Jn. 16:27).
  - He disciplines us (Heb. 12:6, 7).
  - He has compassion on us and our weaknesses (Ps. 103:13-14).
  - He provides all we need (Lk. 12:29-30; Mt. 7:11)
- b. Christ is our older brother (Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:11).
- c. We are members of God's family (Eph. 2:19).

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  - 2. Our Future Inheritance (17)

# Our Future Inheritance

1. Eternal life in God's Kingdom (Titus 3:7; Lk. 12:32)
2. Everything in the universe (Heb. 1:2)
3. The glory of Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:17, 23, 29)
4. The new heavens and earth and God Himself (Rev. 21:7)