



## ROMANS 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. (Romans 8:12-17)

### Introduction

- A Preliminary Outline:
  - Romans 1:1-17 – \_\_\_\_\_
  - Romans 1:18-3:20 – \_\_\_\_\_
  - Romans 3:21-5:21 – \_\_\_\_\_
  - Romans 6:1-8:39 – \_\_\_\_\_
- In Romans 6-7, Paul responded to four common \_\_\_\_\_ about sanctification (Romans 6:1-2, 6:15, 7:7, 7:13).
- In Romans 8, Paul made a positive case for the role of the \_\_\_\_\_ in our sanctification (Romans 8:1-4, 8:5-11).

## What role does the Holy Spirit play in our sanctification?

- The Holy Spirit empowers us to carry out the \_\_\_\_\_ of our flesh (Romans 8:12-13).
  - Because the Spirit lives in believers, we are under no \_\_\_\_\_ to the flesh (8:12).
  - Because the Spirit lives in believers, we are able to \_\_\_\_\_ indwelling sin (8:13).

“Paul is saying that if you live like a non-Christian, dominated by your sinful nature rather than living according to the Holy Spirit, you will perish like a non-Christian – because you are a non-Christian ... On the other hand, if you really are a Christian, you will not live according to the sinful nature. Instead, you will acknowledge what you actually are in Jesus Christ and live accordingly.” (James Montgomery Boice, *Romans*)

- The Holy Spirit bears witness to our spirits about the truth of our \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:14-17).
  - The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us to live as God’s children (8:14).
  - The Holy Spirit gives us \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father (8:15).
  - The Holy Spirit gives us \_\_\_\_\_ of our adoption (8:16).
  - The Holy Spirit seals us for our eternal \_\_\_\_\_ (8:17).

“We are not children of God by nature ... nor by descent, not because of our merits ... but alone because of our gracious adoption by God as children.” (Martin Luther, *Romans*)

## Questions for Application:

- Am I in Christ? Am I \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit (Romans 1:16-17, 8:9)?
- Am I foolishly making \_\_\_\_\_ for the flesh (Romans 13:14, Colossians 3:5-11)?
- Am I living with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of an adopted child of God (Romans 8:7, Ephesians 2:3)?
- Am I longing for the return of Jesus and the \_\_\_\_\_ of believers (Romans 8:11, 8:17)?