

Before You Go, Know Who You Are

Key Passage:

Romans 8:16–17 (NIV) — “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ...”

1. Our Identity

Children of God — The Holy Spirit confirms your adoption into God’s family.

Heirs of God — You have a legal right in the Spirit and in the natural to everything God rules over.

Co-heirs with Christ — You share in Christ’s inheritance and authority.

2. The Word “Testify”

In biblical context, “testify” means:

- To boldly proclaim.
- To make a public declaration about something personally seen, heard, or experienced.

The Holy Spirit’s Testimony Over You:

- You are forgiven and adopted.
- You are favored like family.
- You have been given Jesus’ inheritance.
- You carry authority in both natural and spiritual realms.
- God treats you as He treats Jesus — as His child.

3. Breaking the Lie

Truth: Once you believe in Jesus, confess Him as Lord, and trust in His death and resurrection, nothing can make God disown you.

Lie: Your past mistakes or current struggles disqualify you from being God’s child.

Response: The blood covenant of Jesus permanently links you to Him — Blood doesn’t lie.

4. The Prodigal Son Example (Luke 15:11–32)

The son:

- Wasted his inheritance.
- Lived far from the father’s intentions.
- Returned in repentance.

The father:

- Ran to him.
- Restored him publicly.
- Treated him as if he had never left.

Lesson: God's love and acceptance remain even when we've been far from Him.

5. Blood Covenant

At salvation, Jesus' blood becomes spiritually intertwined with yours.

On Judgment Day, the "blood test" will prove you are His.

Result: Your name is in the Book of Life.

6. The Seal of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13–14; 4:30)

Ancient Seal Symbolism:

1. Origin & Authority — "This comes from the King and carries His power."
 - You are an ambassador of Heaven.
2. Ownership & Protection — "You belong to Me; I take responsibility for you."
3. Security — The seal stays intact until the appointed time.
 - Revelation 5: Only Jesus is worthy to break the seals.

7. Practical Meaning

- You belong to God.
- You are under His protection.
- Your eternal destination is guaranteed.
- You have authority to represent His Kingdom now.

8. Connection to the Mission

Your identity as a child of God fuels your purpose.

Mission: Go and make disciples (Matthew 28:18–20).

Order: Be a disciple before making disciples.

Warning: You cannot multiply what you are not — zero times anything is still zero.

9. Reflection Questions

- Do I truly believe the Holy Spirit's testimony about me?
- What lies about my identity do I need to reject?
- How does knowing I am an heir with Christ change how I live?
- Am I actively representing God's Kingdom in my words and actions?
- Have I committed to being a disciple before trying to make disciples?

10. Prayer

Father, thank You for adopting me into Your family and sealing me with Your Spirit. Help me to live boldly as Your child and to walk in the authority You've given me. Silence every lie of the enemy that tries to make me doubt my identity. Teach me to be a faithful disciple so I can lead others to You. Amen.

11. Application

- Believe It — Declare daily: "I am a child of God, an heir with Christ."
- Live It — Make decisions and pray with the authority of Heaven.
- Rest In It — Stop striving to earn what God has already given.
- Share It — Tell someone this week what it means to be a child and heir of God.