

REVIVE CHURCH-ROMANS 8 SPIRIT OF SONSHIP

Transition from a Romans 7 relationship with God that is always warring with sin to a Romans 8 living in the Spirit. **Romans 8:1** (NKJV) [There is] therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

No condemnation-in and through Jesus Christ we died to the law of sin and death which is the system of condemnation, and we are restored to fellowship with God as Father who convicts/reveals in order to heal and restore.

Sons aren't condemned they are convicted unto restored fellowship and righteousness

Romans 8:8-17 (NKJV) 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ [is] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin, but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness. 11 **But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.**

At the moment of conversion, confession of faith in Jesus Christ, repentance of sin, turning towards the Lord there is the receiving of the Holy Spirit. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, which is the Holy Spirit he or she does not belong to God, however, the promised Holy Spirit received by faith through Christ is the evidence that you do fully belong to God. The very Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead now dwells in the life of every believer, and we have the promise that this resurrection power will give life to our mortal bodies in order that we can live a life of righteousness in the flesh.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 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. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with [Him,] that we may also be glorified together.

The Holy Spirit is a person who is fully God. He's a person not an entity. If you want to be led by him, you've got to cultivate a personal relationship/fellowship with Him as your Lord. You've got to let him take you by the hand, you've got to listen to his quiet whispers and learn how to live with a yielded heart. He's a very sensitive person who is pictured as a dove and has many characteristics like a dove. one thing about a dove is it's a timid bird, it's easily scared away. **The only person who never scared the dove away was Jesus because he had the**

lamb nature. If you and I want a real intimate, personal relationship with the Holy Spirit, you have got to cultivate the Lamb's nature: meekness, purity and a life laid down in sacrifice. If we are not being led by the Holy Spirit then we are not living as sons. Sons are led, sons are yielded and motivated by love to please the Father.

Jesus the perfect son, who is also called our joint heir or older brother comes to dwell in our hearts by faith by the Holy Spirit! The Spirit of Christ in vs 9 is the same as the Spirit of God in vs 14, the Spirit of adoption in vs 15

Paul then says: 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

- You're not slaves any longer, you're sons. You're not motivated by fear, you're motivated by love and guided by the Holy Spirit, Spirit of Sonship.
- We haven't come under a spirit of slavery, that's legalism. **God doesn't want to make slaves. He wants to make sons who are motivated by love and who cry out "Abba, Father."**

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God..."

This is the supernatural testimony of the Holy Spirit that you are a child of God. If the Holy Spirit tells you you're a child of God, it really doesn't matter what other people have said. He's the one that matters, we died to the old way of thinking and we died to anyone else's voice.

Abba (used 3 times in the NT)

1. **Mark 14:36** (NKJV) And He (**Jesus**) said, "**Abba, Father**, all things [are] possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You [will.]"
2. **Galatians 4:4-7** (NKJV) 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"** 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

3. **Romans 8:15** 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”
4. **Jesus said ABBA when speaking to the Father, the Spirit cries from within our heart Abba and we cry out Abba!**

From thinking and living like a slave, to thinking like a son/daughter who through adoption are heirs to an incredible inheritance! You don't work for an inheritance, you receive it. You agree with God! We must agree with God and say...cry out...Abba Father!

1John 3:1 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

GOD'S KINGDOM IS BEAUTIFULLY DEFINED BY THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH THE FATHER THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

We were slaves, but He adopted us. When He adopted us we became His children, and now what was only available to Jesus is given to us as heirs as our inheritance.

Abba- one of the great names of God and indeed may be the highest good Name of God. No other Name so completely reflects the reversal of the curse and the separation that resulted from sin. When we are born again, the Spirit enters us and impels us to cry the intimate family name "Abba! Father! We can now openly address Him as Abba because of the finished work of His Son. Hallelujah!

It is not just to agree with the doctrine of adoption; it is to walk in relationship with the creator trusting Him completely and loving Him entirely. Adoption does not rid Him of His holiness, His power, His honor or His glory. Adoption allows you to experience everything that He is in such a way that a child could only receive from his dad.

In an effort to be more biblical I am not going to use the term orphan spirit because it is not a spirit that is recognized in the scriptures.

This (spiritual) journey of oneness with Jesus is a process of dismantling the illusion that God is distant or absent.” And receiving deep within the truth of God's word that transforms.

- Have we objectified something as a spirit, which is really an old belief structure built upon life's early experiences.

- Often it is easier to blame a spirit than owning the decisions, vows and agreements we made growing up? **We must participate in the dismantling of these illusions as part of the spiritual (heart) journey across a lifetime.**
- For many, the idea of repentance, forgiveness, confession and deep inner work as a constant theme across a lifetime is terrifying, it's easier to blame a foreign spirit than enter the crucified life.
- **We must crucify the old way of thinking and be renewed in the mind of Christ.**

SPIRIT OF SONSHIP PUTS TO DEATH EVERY OTHER INFERIOR BELIEF SYSTEM

The 'orphan mentality refers to a spiritual condition in which some Christians profess outwardly to know God as Father, but experience an internal contradiction to that belief. Deep down they struggle to comprehend that God loves them. They may harbor feelings of abandonment, fear, unworthiness or rejection. This may be due to unhealed hurts from painful past experiences. This can be a stronghold that needs to be removed through the renewing of the mind it can also reveal the need for deliverance for those who consistently struggle with Believing in hope that God's promises apply to them. We must exchange the lie for God's truth revealed in scripture.

4 Signs We Need Renewal of the Mind in Our Identity

1. Competing and Needing Recognition

When we don't feel secure in God's love, we may try to prove our value by seeking attention, comparing ourselves to others, or feeling threatened by their strengths.

- **God's invitation: Rest in the unique identity He has given you (1 Cor. 12:18).**
- Healthy sons and daughters: Celebrate others' strengths, accept their own strengths and weaknesses, and work together as family.

2. Isolation and Independence

When we don't feel like we truly belong, we may withdraw from others or try to do everything on our own.

- **God's invitation: Receive your place in His family and know you belong (Eph. 1:5).**
- Healthy sons and daughters: Value relationships, depend on one another, and serve as part of a team.

3. Fear and Insecurity

When we are unsure of our place with God or others, we may constantly seek reassurance, doubt ourselves, or become protective of our position or ministry.

- God's invitation: Find security in His love, care, and faithfulness (Matt. 10:29-31).
- Healthy sons and daughters: Trust their Father's love, remain confident in their identity, and are not threatened by change or challenges.

4. Performance-Based Living

When we believe we must earn acceptance, we become driven by performance, critical of others, and fearful of failure.

- God's invitation: Live from His grace and favor, not from striving (Eph. 1:6).
- Healthy sons and daughters: Extend grace to others, receive correction well, and serve from acceptance rather than trying to earn it.

The orphan mindset says, "I must prove myself." The son or daughter mindset says, "I am already loved, accepted, and secure in my Father's family."

Here is the good news of the Gospel: the Father freely receives us as His beloved children! **Even those of us who know the Father's personal love for us may occasionally slip back into an orphan mentality.** This can be a temptation when we are weary, under stress or have been through a difficult time. **When this happens, the Holy Spirit, our 'Spirit of Adoption' will quickly alert us to it. And at that very moment, we can respond to His invitation to step back and rest in our Father's love.**