

A NEW BATTLE

ROMANS 8:12-13

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, 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.



A NEW RELATIONSHIP

ROMANS 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ 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!"



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ROMANS 8:14-17

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 fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

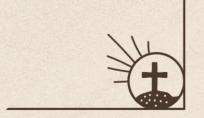


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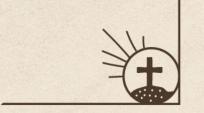
²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus

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2. BELOVED, YOU ARE FREE

ROMANS 8:15

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Cling to their average day;

The lights must never go out,

The music must always play...

Lest we should see where we are,

Lost in a haunted wood,

Children afraid of the night

Who have never been happy or good."

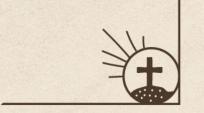
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"Charles de Foucauld, the founder of the Little Brothers of Jesus, wrote a single sentence that's had a profound impact on my life. He said, "The one thing we owe absolutely to God is never to be afraid of anything."

Never to be afraid of anything, even death, which, after all, is but that final breakthrough into the open, waiting, outstretched arms of Abba."

BRENNAN MANNING

3. BELOVED, YOU ARE ADOPTED

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ROMANS 8:16

but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,



"Our understanding of Christianity cannot be higher than our grasp of adoption...Adoption is the highest privilege of the gospel. The traitor is forgiven, brought in for supper, and given the family name."

J.I. PACKER

4. BELOVED, YOU ARE NOT ON THE SIDELINES

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ROMANS 8:17

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