

“Responding to the Spirit’s Ministry”

Text: Romans 8:12-15

Scripture reading: Isaiah 55

I. The believer’s debt - vv. 12-13

A) We are not debtors to the flesh

B) We are debtors to the Spirit (Is. 55:1; Phil. 2:12-13)

II. The believer’s adoption – vv. 14-15

A) Evidence of sonship – vs. 14

B) Privilege of sonship – vs. 15

1. A negative privilege (Heb. 2:14-15)

2. A positive privilege (Gal. 4:4-7)

Conclusion:

1) To be led by the Spirit begins _____.
(Gal. 5:22-25)

2) To be adopted by God takes us out of _____.

“How happy is the condition of God’s people that have the Word and the Spirit to guide them! The Word without the Spirit cannot, the Spirit without the Word will not guide us. The Word is a light without us; the Spirit is a light within us. The Word propounds the way to walk in; the Spirit enables the soul to walk in that way.”

-Matthew Mead; 1630-99; Puritan minister

SERMON QUOTES:

Leon Morris,

“The flesh is not eradicated but is an ever-present reality.”