

Roamin' Thru Romans-Part 30

Introduction:

This morning, we will cover two points of our outline on chapter 8:

Now let me remind you about Romans 8:

Romans 8 may be divided into 13 major parts as follows:

- A. Condemnation (Romans 8:1-4)
- B. Carnality (Romans 8:5-8)
- C. Confirmation (Romans 8:9-11)
- D. Commitment (Romans 8:12, 13)
- E. **Counsel** (Romans 8:14) (**Today**)
- F. **Children** (Romans 8:15-17) (**Today**)
- G. Conflict (Romans 8:17, 18)
- H. Curse (Romans 8:19-23)
- I. Confidence (Romans 8:24, 25)
- J. Communion (Romans 8:26, 27)
- K. Control (Romans 8:28)
- L. Consummation (Romans 8:29, 30)
- M. Care (Romans 8:31-39)

Subject: "Counsel and Children"

Scripture Reading: **Romans 8:14—17**

Key Verse: "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

Following the **counsel** of the Holy Spirit not only guides believers but is proof of their salvation.

Let's look at the first part of our outline for today:

"Counsel"

I. **The Piloting in the Counsel** (Romans 8:14)

"Are led by the Spirit of God" (Romans 8:14).

One of the great blessings the Holy Spirit brings to the believer is this matter of leading and directing the believer.

Definition: "Sagacity" – the state of being sagacious.
"Sagacious" – having or showing deep understanding and intelligent application of knowledge.

- **The sagacity of the leading.** "Led by the Spirit of God."

This is the best leading of all. It is accompanied by Divine wisdom.

The believer often lacks the wisdom to make right decisions and do the right thing, but the leadership of the Spirit of God is perfect.

- **The sanctity of the leading.** The "Spirit of God" is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will never lead us into any evil because He is holy.

He will never lead us into anything that will corrupt and defile our character or diminish our faith.

II. **The Proof in the Counsel** (Romans 8:14)

"They are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

When the believer submits to the counsel/leading of the Holy Spirit, it gives evidence of their faith in Jesus Christ.

What gives good evidence is the believer walking under the counsel/leading of the Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit will only lead in a way that will honor Christian character.

Now, let's look at the second part of our outline:

"Children"

Romans 8:15-17

The saved are given the privileged relationship as "children of God" (Romans 8:16).

This relationship makes God the Father of the redeemed.

III. **The Relationship as Children** (Romans 8:15)

The relationship as children with God the Father is amplified here in this text.

It is a choice relationship.

• **The life in the relationship.** "Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption" (Romans 8:15).

This life as a child of God is not one of fear but of joy and peace. "God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Timothy 1:7).

It is a life of delight, of peace, not fearfulness.

• **The legality of the relationship.** "Received the Spirit of adoption" (Romans 8:15).

The word "adoption" says the redeemed have been placed in the family of God with legal standing.

• **The love in the relationship.** "We cry, Abba, Father" (Romans 8:15).

This expression "Abba, Father" is an endearing expression and helps us to understand the relationship the redeemed have as a child of God.

IV. **The Reaffirmation of Being Children** (Romans 8:16)

Assurance of one's salvation is very important.

God does much through the Holy Spirit to reaffirm our redeemed status.

- **The Person in the reaffirmation.** *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God"* ([Romans 8:16](#)).

Here is another ministry of the Holy Spirit.

This work of the Holy Spirit is to give assurance to the redeemed that they are indeed saved.

- **The peace in the reaffirmation.** *"That we are the children of God"* ([Romans 8:16](#)).

Few things bring so much peace to the heart of the believer as assurance of his salvation.

V. **The Riches for the Children** ([Romans 8:17](#))

The riches of a person greatly increase with salvation.

- **The season for the riches.** *"Heirs"* ([Romans 8:17](#)).

This means the riches are in the future tense.

- **The source of the riches.** *"Heirs of God"* ([Romans 8:17](#)).

The amount of wealth depends upon who provides the inheritance.

No one is as wealthy as God.

He owns *"the cattle upon a thousand hills"* ([Psalm 50:10](#)).

- **The size of the riches.** *"Joint-heirs with Christ"* ([Romans 8:17](#)).

This means the saved are equal with Christ in the inheritance which says their inheritance is immense.

- **The stipulation for the riches.** *"If so be that we suffer with him"* ([Romans 8:17](#)).

The riches are obtained by suffering.

The Apostle Paul, who wrote these words, knew much about suffering for the cause of Christ.

Conclusion:

Too many professing Christians evidence very little spiritual life.

They have little to no interest in spiritual matters, when they show up at church, they act bored when the Word of God is preached.

May I remind you that if you are saved, you have a retirement package that is literally, "out of this world!"

If you're saved, act like it!

Closing: So, we will stop here for today!

Do you know this Jesus that the Book of Romans so clearly teaches us about?

Do you have the Holy Spirit living inside you?

Are you dying daily to the Holy Spirit and walking “*spiritual*”?

If not, will you accept Him today?

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