

ROMANS 8:14-17

TRUE CHILDREN OF GOD

Big Idea: The Spirit not only leads us into holiness but confirms our adoption and assures our inheritance as God's children.

THE SPIRIT REVEALS OUR SONSHIP (*Romans 8:14*)

- According to v. 14, what marks a true child of God and how does Paul define this leading? (e.g. Galatians 5:16-18)
- How can you discern whether the Spirit is leading you or whether you are following your own desires? (e.g. Psalm 143:10; John 16:12-15)
- How does walking by the Spirit connect to our assurance of salvation and our daily fight against sin? (e.g. Ephesians 5:15-18)

THE SPIRIT CONFIRMS OUR ADOPTION (*Romans 8:15-16*)

- What does Paul mean "You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear?" (e.g. Galatians 4:4-7)
- Discuss the phrase "Spirit of adoption as sons" and the importance of that reality for believers. (e.g. John 1:12-13)
- When have you most felt the Spirit's witness confirming your belonging to God and why is this the most important confirmation? (e.g. 2 Timothy 1:7)

THE SPIRIT ASSURES OUR INHERITANCE (*Romans 8:17*)

- What does it mean to be an heir of God and a co-heir with Christ? (e.g. Ephesians 1:13-14)
- How does understanding that we are heirs reshape our view of earthly possessions and priorities? (e.g. Matthew 6:19-34)
- Why does Paul tie suffering with Christ to future glory? (e.g. 1 Peter 1:3-7)
- How can the assurance of your inheritance strengthen you in present hardship or temptation? (e.g. 2 Timothy 2:11-12)