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Scripture Text: Romans 8:12-25

**Tommy Nelson**

In 8:13, if you are living according to the flesh, what must happen?

In 8:15 we have received a “spirit of adoption”. In 8:17 we are also called what?

**Mark Driscoll**

In what areas of your life is the pain of the fall and curse most frustrating right now (e.g. physical or mental health, a loved one is sick or dying, things simply keep breaking and falling apart, etc.?)

How can you welcome the Holy Spirit to help you process and push through your pains and problems (e.g. time in prayer, worship, Scripture, talking with wise counsel, etc.)?

In what areas are you needing to grow in patience right now?

In what areas of your life is it most urgent to be conformed to the image of his Son Jesus Christ so that your old ways are replaced by His ways?

Share your testimony and how God called you to Himself.

What birth pains are you experiencing in your life right now that we can be praying for?

**Teaching Romans: Volume 1 (Logos)**

What is our obligation as Christians (vv. 12, 13)?

What does the Spirit do for and in us (vv. 14–17)?

What question does verse 17b raise, and how does Paul answer it in verse 18?

What is creation waiting for, and why (vv. 19–22)?

What are Christians waiting for, and how are we to wait for it (vv. 23–25)?

**Romans Grace and Glory - Brian Simmons**

Do you feel, deep down, that you’ve been “enfolded” into the family of God? How does it make you feel to know you’ve received the “Spirit of Full Acceptance” (8:15)?

**Romans - Jared C. Wilson**

According to 8:13, is sanctification God’s work or ours? Consider also 1 Corinthians 15:10; Philippians 2:12–13; and Colossians 1:29.

What does it mean to be an heir (8:16–17)? What are the benefits of being fellow heirs with Christ?

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What does 8:19–22 tell us about sin?

### **Exalting Jesus in Romans**

Sometimes you hear, “That person is so heavenly minded that he/she is no earthly good.” Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?

How does the doctrine of glorification help us endure hardship?

What does this passage teach us about the effects of the fall on the creation?

How does this passage emphasize Christian hope?

How is the doctrine of adoption an already-not yet reality?

Describe the work of the Holy Spirit in verses 26-27. Why is this encouraging?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

#### **Adoption- Christopher Hilken**

If someone were to point to a child and say, “that child is really loved by his parents,” what would you conclude about how his parents treat him? How does this align with your view of how God loves his adopted children?

#### **Romans #17 Life in the Spirit: New Future- Mark Driscoll**

#### **Romans 8:14 John Piper**

#### **Romans 8:26,27 John Piper**

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