



**UNTO THE LORD - 7 DAY FAST
DAY 5
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Hello Victory Family! It is day five and we are past the half way mark of this time of fasting and consecration. I pray this week has been incredibly fruitful and filled with the presence of Holy Spirit.

Let's take a look at Romans 8:14-17

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

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 joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

This is a powerful set of scriptures that reveal that those who are guided, those who are escorted, those who follow the Spirit of God are sons of God; daughters, this includes you too. Then Paul transitions into the fortification of our Identity in Christ - that we have received the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Adoption.

We are not orphans! We have been adopted into a divine and royal family that was purchased by the precious Blood of Jesus and sealed by His resurrection. The love of the Father expressed in the death, burial, and resurrection of His Holy Son Jesus Christ invites us into an eternal love song that will be sung throughout the ages.

The Greek word for adoption in verse 15 is huiothesia (G5206) and it is a technical term only used by Paul five times in all of his writings. (Romans 8:15, 23 9:4: Galatians 4:5 and Ephesians 1:5)

This technical term is a term used in Roman Law for an act that has specific legal and social effects. When the legal act of adoption was performed, it gave the person the same rights and obligations owed to the son by natural birth.

Now make the correlation where Paul is associating this legal term in the spirit concerning our identity in Christ!

We have the same rights of the Kingdom that Christ Himself has. The same access to the Father, the same authority, the same power, the same sonship. We have inherited His identity and His Sonship when we placed our faith in Him and what He did for us!

I'm not saying we are equal with the Lord, that is blasphemous. But, He has translated to us the same rights that He has by the Spirit of adoption. Thus, - bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings (Hebrews 2:10).

Verse sixteen says, "the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD! Yes, I had to shout that!

Because we have been adopted and brought into a Kingdom with the same rights and obligations owed to the Son and only because of the Son, we have become heirs and joint heirs with Christ.

This speaks of our inheritance. We have been written into heaven's will! Our identity is kingly and priestly, our destiny and inheritance is that with divine purpose, not to be received puffed up, but to be received with humility and reverence because of the suffering it cost our Messiah.

As we push through the sufferings of this world, and push past the current suffering of our flesh in this fast, let's step into a deeper revelation of our adoption into a divine Kingdom that cannot be shaken or destroyed. For the scripture says we will be glorified together with Christ (Romans 8:17), For as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17).

Let's finish the rest of this week strong, Victory!