

# Romans 8

## Relationship in Christ

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**Romans 8:12-17** *So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

**Flesh:** The fallen condition of a person, due to the fall of mankind, where we are slaves to sin and death.

In Christ, my debt to the flesh has been \_\_\_\_\_;  
I owe the flesh \_\_\_\_\_.

### THE TWO PATHWAYS

**The Fleshly Path:** The path of the flesh means we trust in ourselves for salvation. This path only leads to death.

**The Spiritual Path:** The spiritual path allows us to place our trust in the Spirit of God to give us power over sin for salvation. This path leads to life.

### We have a new relationship in Christ.

1. We are no longer \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We no longer have anything to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We no longer have a \_\_\_\_\_ to pay.
4. Our \_\_\_\_\_ has changed completely.

The greatest king in the universe has \_\_\_\_\_ us as His sons and daughters!

God has adopted us into His family because of His great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

**1 Peter 1:3-4:** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you...*

### APPLICATION:

\_\_\_\_\_: We are to recognize the great debt that was paid by Christ was paid in full.

\_\_\_\_\_: We need to remember that we owe the flesh nothing, and no longer be enslaved to it.

\_\_\_\_\_: We have been adopted by the King of Kings, and we should praise God because of this indescribable gift to us!

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