

Romans #112

“A Glorious Inheritance”

*Romans 8:14-17*

**The Spirit is always leading but Christians are not always following in His footsteps; but those who do follow are actively being led by the Spirit, doing what the Spirit says to do, following His steps in the Word for forward progress to the goal and those who do this consistently, reach spiritual maturity and are called *adult* sons of God.**

Paul is showing two different attitudes in the lives of believers of either failure or success, either being overcome by the world or being an overcomer in the world.

*At salvation, every new believer is regenerated, adopted into the royal family of God as a new creature in Christ but nonetheless, he's a baby knowing next to nothing.*

**Adult sonship is a result of spiritual growth and not just one expression of faith.**

At the moment of salvation, every believer is born-again, regenerated and adopted into the royal family of God as a spiritual baby.

*Then there must be feeding, leading to growth which doesn't happen automatically; it only happens as a result of proper choices to dine on spiritual food.*

So, by faith, I become a child of God and by actively following Jesus Christ; being led by the Holy Spirit, I become a *huios* adult son of God.

**We are peacemakers by preaching the Gospel, stating that there is now peace in Christ between man and God.**

*See* means behold, comprehend or understand what's been done for you and rejoice, glory, rest and live in it, because God your condemning Judge is now God your loving Father!

*Adoption is one of the forty things every believer receives at salvation and it has to do with the believer's freedom to express himself.*

*Adoption as well as salvation in general gives us freedom toward God, not freedom in the human race.*

**The Romans gave such authority to the father because they were trying to protect the inheritance and the purity of the aristocracy.**

In the Roman system, there's a ceremonial purchase of the one adopted referred to as 'redemption'.

*Roman adoption emphasizes inheritance or possession of things, not a blood relative, yet it can be a related or unrelated heir.*

In his childhood years, there were no rights for the son until he's old enough to wear the toga indicating his new position or rank.

Paul draws from these historical analogies familiar to the Romans to show the privileges we have as believers

because we've been adopted into the family of God and now we must live up to the family name.

**In the past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways but in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things and through Whom also He made the universe. Hebrews 1:1-2**

**Jesus Christ is heir of all things because of what He did in fulfilling the plan of God for His life.**

**The incentive clause in Scripture states; if you do well, grow to spiritual maturity by staying in the Word of God, walking by the Holy Spirit, not only will your reward be like gold, silver and precious stones at the Bema seat but you will experience additional blessings, privileges and responsibilities in Heaven.**