

Romans 8:14-17

14. "For as many as are **LED by the Spirit of God**, these are **sons of God**."

- **Galatians 3:26** "For you are all _____ of _____ through _____ in _____ _____."
- **Galatians 5:18** "But if you are _____ by the _____, you are _____ under the _____."
- **John 1:12** "But as many as _____ Him (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become _____ of _____."

Definition: "These are SONS of GOD" - We BECOME sons of God, or CHILDREN OF GOD by FAITH in JESUS CHRIST, but we PROVE TO OTHERS that we ARE children of God by **ALLOWING the Holy Spirit to LEAD, GUIDE and DIRECT our lives**. This comes with MATURITY, as we GROW in our walk with Christ. In fact, the Greek word used here for "sons" means **ADULT, FULL GROWN CHILDREN**. When we are first BORN AGAIN (also called being "BORN of God"), we are little BABIES. We are just as much children of God then, but we are still in the BABY STATE, and do NOT always ALLOW the HOLY SPIRIT TO LEAD US.

- **I Peter 2:2** "As _____ babes, desire the pure _____ of the _____, that you may _____ thereby (by the word)."
- **Ephesians 4:14-15** "That we should no longer be _____, tossed to and fro and carried about with (LED BY) every wind of doctrine (every kind of FALSE teaching), by the trickery of men, in the cunning CRAFTINESS by which they lie in wait to DECEIVE, but, speaking the truth in love, may _____ up in all things into _____ who is the head _____."
- **I Corinthians 14:20** "Brethren, do not be _____ in understanding; however, in malice be _____, but in understanding be _____."
- **Hebrews 5:12-14** "For thought by this time you ought to be _____, you need someone to teach you again the first principles (the BASICS) of the oracles of God; and you have come to need _____ and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of _____ is unskilled in the _____ of righteousness, for he is a _____. But _____ belongs to those who are of _____ age (Mature, grown up), that is those who by reason of use (practice) have their _____ exercised (trained) to discern both good and evil."
- **II Peter 3:18** "But _____ in the _____ and _____ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

Definition: "LED by the Spirit" - This is basically the same and interchangeable with BEING FILLED with the SPIRIT. We are to ALLOW the Holy Spirit to LEAD us as we YIELD and give CONTROL of our lives to Him. Also, remember that the Holy Spirit never PUSHES or DRIVES us, but **He WAITS UNTIL WE GIVE HIM the CONTROL** of our lives.

- **Luke 4:1 & 14** "Then Jesus, being _____ with the _____ _____, returned from the Jordan and was _____ by the _____ into the wilderness." "Then Jesus returned in the _____ of the _____ to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region."

Definition: "Jesus was LED by the SPIRIT" - Why did Jesus, who was PERFECT, who was God in the Flesh, have to be "filled with the Spirit" and led by the Spirit? The reason is because He LAID ASIDE His powers and privileges as God (see Phil 2:5-11) when He came to Earth as a HUMAN. Jesus never lost His NATURE of CHARACTER as

God, but **He limited Himself** to have only HUMAN resources while on Earth. **We have those SAME RESOURCES through the Holy Spirit.** Jesus is our EXAMPLE, and we see that He was CONTROLLED and EMPOWERED by the HOLY SPIRIT, just as we can be!

- **Ephesians 5:17-18** "Therefore do not be _____, but understand what the _____ of the LORD is. And do not be _____ with wine, in which is dissipation; but be _____ with the _____."

Definition: "FILLED with the SPIRIT" - Paul contrasts BEING DRUNK with BEING FILLED with the Spirit. INSTEAD of being drunk, which is to be "UNDER THE INFLUENCE" of alcohol, we are to be "UNDER THE INFLUENCE," or CONTROLLED by the **Holy Spirit**. This is NOT a ONE-TIME experience, but a continuous YIELDING of ourselves to the Holy Spirit's control in our lives. The literal translation of the Greek is "keep being CONTINUALLY FILLED" with the Spirit.

15. "For you did not receive the **Spirit of bandage again to FEAR**, but you received the **Spirit of ADOPTION by whom we cry out, 'ABBA, Father'**."

- **Ephesians 1:5** "Having predestined us to _____ as sons (children) by Jesus Christ to _____, according to the good pleasure of His will,"
- **Galatians 4:6** "And because you are _____, God has sent forth the _____ of His _____ into you _____, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'"

Definition: "SPIRIT of ADOPTION" - ADOPTION had a different meaning to the Romans than it does for us. The Romans would have a ceremony when a child reached ADULTHOOD. This public ceremony declared that the child was officially an adult, with all the RIGHTS and PRIVILEGES of an ADULT, responsible for his own actions, and also that he was UNABLE TO BE DISINHERITED. What does this mean for us? It means that we are BORN into God's family as a little BABY, but we are ADOPTED and GIVEN ADULT STANDING as well. This POSITION IN CHRIST is ours for eternity, **we are UNABLE TO BE DISINHERITED**. Nothing or **NO ONE can take us away** or "snatch" us away from God once we are BORN INTO HIS FAMILY.

- **Read John 10:27-30** "My Sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they _____ Me. And I give them _____, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone _____ them out of My _____. My Father who has _____ them to Me, is greater than all; and **NO ONE** is able to snatch them out of My _____."

Definition: "By whom we cry out, 'ABBA, FATHER' " - Abba means "Papa" or "Daddy" in the Aramaic language. This **INTIMATE relationship with God** is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ, and by the Holy Spirit living in our heart. If you did not have a good relationship with your Earthly father, you can now have a **WARM AND LOVING RELATIONSHIP with God** as the "Daddy" you never had.

Definition: "SPIRIT of BONDAGE again to FEAR" - The Old Testament Law was BONDAGE, as is any kind of RELIGION that tells people they must BE GOOD ENOUGH for God to accept them (salvation by WORKS). This produces FEAR, because we KNOW we can **NEVER be GOOD ENOUGH**.

- **Galatians 3:10** "For as many are of the _____ of the _____ are under the _____; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does NOT _____ in all things which are written in the book of the _____, to _____ them.' "
- **Galatians 5:1** "Stand fast therefore in the _____ by which _____ has made us _____, and do _____ be entangled _____ with a yoke of _____."

- **Hebrews 12:20-24** "For they could NOT _____ what was commanded: 'And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or thrust through with an arrow.' And so _____ was the sight that Moses said, 'I and exceedingly _____ and _____.' But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the _____ God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of _____, to the general assembly (church) of the firstborn who are registered in _____, to God the Judge of all, to the _____ of just (righteous) men made perfect, to _____ the Mediator of the _____ covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel."
- **II Timothy 1:7** "For God has _____ given us a _____ of _____, but of power and of _____ and of a sound mind."

16. "The Spirit HIMSELF bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,"

- **John 14:26** "But the _____, the _____, whom the Father will _____ in My _____, _____ will teach you all things, and bring to your _____ all things that I said to you."
- **John 15:26-27** "But when the _____ comes, whom I (Jesus) shall send to you from the _____, the _____ of truth who proceeds from the Father, _____ will testify (BEAR WITNESS) of Me. And you also will _____, because you have been with Me from the beginning."

Definition: "The SPIRIT Himself BEARS WITNESS" - "Bear witness" means to TESTIFY of GIVE EVIDENCE. The Holy Spirit, who is a PERSON, not an "it" (He is God Himself), TESTIFIES to us and CONFIRMS TO OUR HEARTS that we are really and truly His children. He ASSURES US that we belong to Him, and helps us understand (comprehend) HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US.

- **I John 3:19** "And by this we _____ that we are of the _____, and shall _____ our _____ before Him."
- **Ephesians 3:16-19** "That He would grant (give) you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His _____ in the _____ man (YOUR spirit), that Christ may dwell in you _____ through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to _____ with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height; [and] to _____ the _____ of Christ which passes _____; that you may be filled with all the fullness 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."

- **Galatians 4:7** "Therefore you are no longer a _____ but a _____, and if a _____, then an _____ of God through _____."
- **Titus 3:7** "That having been justified by His _____ we should become _____ according to the hope of _____ life."
- **Galatians 3:29** "And if you are _____, then you are Abraham's seed (descendent), and _____ according to the promise."
- **I Peter 3:7** "Likewise you _____, dwell with [your wives] with _____, giving _____ to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being _____ together of the grace of life, that you _____ may not be hindered."
- **Acts 26:18** "To open their eyes, and to turn them from _____ to _____, and from the power of _____ to God, that they may receive _____ of sins, and an _____ among those who are sanctified by _____ in Me (Jesus)."
- **Ephesians 1:14** "Which is the Guarantee of our _____ until the _____ of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory."

Definition: "JOINT HEIRS with Christ" - An HEIR is one who will inherit or receive some endowment, property or quality from a PARENT. We are God's children, so we are also His HEIRS. JOINT HEIRS means **we will INHERIT EQUALLY with Jesus.**

- **John 17:20-23** "I do not pray for these (the original disciples) alone, but also for the (US) who will _____ in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in _____, and I in _____; that _____ also which you _____ Me I have _____ them, that they may be one just as We are one: I (Jesus) in _____ and You in Me; that they may be made _____ in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have _____ them You have _____ Me."
- **Matthew 25:24** "Then the _____ will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, _____ the _____ prepared for you from the _____ of the world.'"