

## Heirs of Glory Romans 8:14-27

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**14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. **15** For you have not received a spirit of slavery *bringing you into fear* again, but you have received a spirit of sonship in which we cry, Abba, Father! **16** The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God. **17** And if children, heirs also; on the one hand, heirs of God; on the other, joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* that we may also be glorified with *Him*. **18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the coming glory to be revealed upon us. **19** For the anxious watching of the creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was made subject to vanity, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected *it*, **21** In hope that the creation itself will also be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation groans together and travails in pain together until now. **23** And not only so, but we ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan in ourselves, eagerly awaiting sonship, the redemption of our body. **24** For we were saved in hope. But a hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly await *it* through endurance. **26** Moreover, in like manner the Spirit also joins in to help *us* in our weakness, for we do not know for what we should pray as is fitting, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** But He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to God.

What three factors comprise our being inwardly led by the Spirit? (8:2, 9-13, 6-11)

Why does **8:14** say "as many as are led by the Spirit" rather than the Spirit's leading us? What does it suggest about our involvement?

Who is the "Spirit of God" in (v.14)?

According to vv.14-15 & 23, how do the words "sons" and "sonship" figure into the theme of Romans? (see footnote Rom.8:14<sup>3</sup> of the Rcv)

What is the difference between "children" (v.23), "sons" (vv.14-15, 23) and "heirs" (v.17)? How do these words relate to the parts of man, i.e., spirit, soul and body?

In v.15, what comprises "a spirit of sonship" or what does sonship imply about our relationship to God?

In v.15, both "Abba" and "Father" are same word in Aramaic and Greek, respectively. What does the combining of these two titles imply? (See footnotes Rom.8:15<sup>2</sup> & Gal.4:6<sup>3</sup>)

What is the difference between v.15 and the parallel verse in Gal.4:6? What does it imply about our spirit and the Spirit of God?

Comparing v.16 with 1Cor.6:17, John 3:6 and John 4:24 what can we say about the Spirit and our spirit?
What does the phrase in v.16, "the Spirit Himself witnesses <b>WITH</b> our spirit" imply? Which spirit takes the initiative?
When the Spirit witnesses with our spirit, as we cry Abba Father, of what basic and elementary relationship can we be assured (vv.15-16)?
According to v.17, what is the condition for our becoming heirs? Why isn't being children of God sufficient for becoming heirs?
Based on v.18 and Rom.5:2 what is the coming glory that is to be revealed upon (or into) us? (see also footnotes: Rom5:2 <sup>5</sup> , Eph.1:18 <sup>5</sup> , Col.1:27 <sup>5</sup> , 2Tim.2:10 <sup>2</sup> , Heb.2:10 <sup>3</sup> )
In v.19, to what does the phrase, the "revelation of the sons of God" refer? Why is creation waiting anxiously, with full concentration, for this revelation?
Eccles.1:2 says, "all is vanity", so according to v.20 who made it that way? What does that imply?
According to vv.21-22, what is creation's present condition and what is creation hoping for?
In any harvest of crops, there are the first fruits and then the rest of the harvest, so in v.23, what does "first fruits of the Spirit" imply? When can we expect the rest of the harvest?
What does v.23 mean by the "redemption of our body"? (See footnote Eph.1:14 <sup>4</sup> ) What is the relationship of "sonship" and the "redemption of our body"?
In vv.24-25, hope is mentioned; what is that hope? Since we cannot see for what we are hoping, what virtue do we need till that hope is fulfilled?
In v.26 we see that while we must be patient to wait for this hope, we are weak; what is that weakness? (See footnote 26 <sup>2</sup> ) So what does the Spirit do on our behalf?
In v.26, the Spirit is interceding for us and in v.34, Christ is interceding; are there two intercessors for us? What is the relationship between Christ and the Spirit in the matter of intercession? (2Cor.3:18)
In v.6, the <u>mind set on the spirit</u> (the human spirit) is literally, the <u>mind of the spirit</u> , but in v.27, we have the <u>mind of the (Holy) Spirit</u> ; so what does this imply?
In v.27, the (Holy) Spirit is mingled with our spirit and with our mind and as a result, Christ, the searcher of our hearts can intercede for us according to God; what does according to God mean? What does knowing the mind of the Spirit have to do with interceding for us according to God?