# Freedom of Life In The Spirit Children of God Destined For Glory! Romans 8:14-27



## Romans 8 Freedom of Life In the Spirit

- V1-4 No Condemnation from the Law
- V5-13 No Obligation to the Flesh
- V14-27 No Frustration, Destined for Glory
- V28-39 No Separation from His Love

# Indwelling Ministry of the Holy Spirit



# His Spirit in Us We belong to God! Live according to The Spirit desires

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plan I have for you, plan to prosper you and not to harm you, plan to give you hope and a future."

# Children of God Destined For Glory!

Romans 8:14-27

Our Present Suffering and Future Glory

- A New Relationship

  God is the Father
- A New Attitude to the Future



#### **A New Relationship**

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God...

And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

God is our Abba Father

We are His Adopted Children

The Spirit is the inner witness Gives us inward assurance



### Freedom, Not Fear, Now Rules Our Life

15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.

#### Sonship Not Slavery

From Fear to
Freedom to Obey



#### We are Heirs of God, Co-heir with Christ

<sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Inheriting Spiritual Wealth with Jesus

We are One with Christ Sharing His Suffering and Glory



#### His Eternal Glory Far Outweighs Our Suffering

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

#### 2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.



## Our Suffering and His Glory The Three Groans:

- V19-22 The Creation Groans
- V23-25 The Believers Groan
- V26-27 The Spirit Groans



#### **The Creation Groans**

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

The universe is with us in our suffering too!

Man and nature are intimately connected

Creation is part of our inheritance

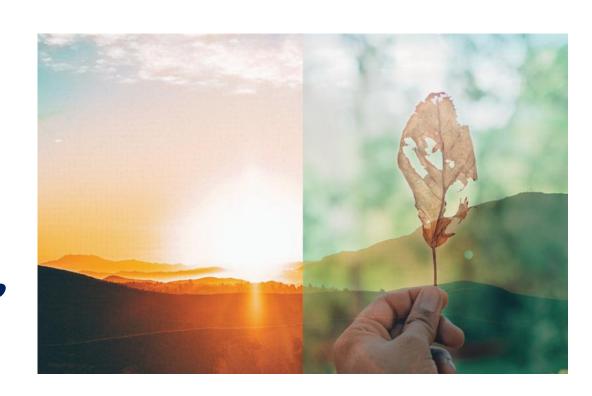


#### Our Destinies are Bound Up Together

19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

'eager expectation' in Gk is 'apokaradokia', with 2 words 'head' & 'stretch'.

It means 'to wait with the head raised, the eyes fixed, and the neck craned on the object coming.



#### <u>Creation suffered</u> <u>because of Adam's fall</u>

<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it,

'The ground was cursed'

'frustration', 'mataiotes',
means 'emptiness, futility,
purposeless, transitoriness'



## Creation is looking for man to be glorified

in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

When man is completely put right, nature too will be put right.



#### **The Believers Groan**

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.
24 For in this hope we were saved.

We share in this groaning Longing for the full adoption and salvation



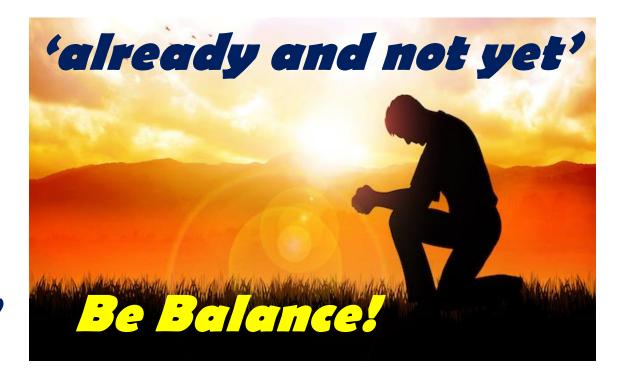
## We wait patiently with confident

<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

## The Holy Spirit is the firstfruits

The beginning and a promise of the full harvest to come

We live 'in between times'



#### **The Spirit Groans**

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans

Helps us in Prayer

The Spirit pray with and for us

With 'wordless groams'
Is it tongues?



## Interceding for Us According to God's will

<sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

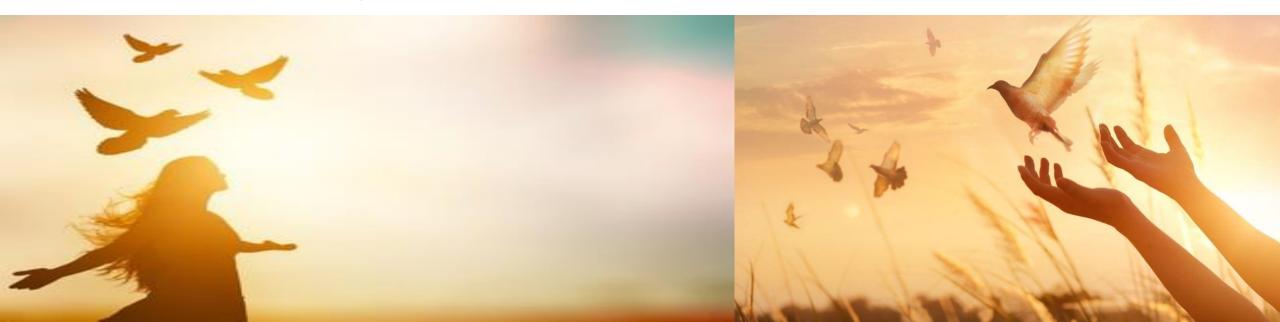
# Heard and Answered by God



#### We are Children of God

#### Life in the Freedom of the Spirit

- Radical Holiness
- Filial Prayerfulness
- Hope of Glory





No Separation from His Love

His Great Love for Us Through Jesus Christ

We are 'More Than
Conqueror Through
Christ Who Loves Me'