

Freedom of Life In The Spirit

Children of God Destined For Glory!

Romans 8:14-27



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- 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**



A person is silhouetted against a bright, golden sunset sky with scattered clouds. Their arms are raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background shows a horizon line with some vegetation.

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.”

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**Our Present Suffering
and Future Glory**

- A New Relationship
God is the Father
- A New Attitude to the Future



A New Relationship

14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God...

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

16 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**

¹⁷ 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

¹⁸ 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

²² 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.



**Creation suffered
because of Adam's fall**

²⁰ 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 ²¹ 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

23 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**

25 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

²⁶ 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 groans*’

Is it tongues?



Interceding for Us **According to God's will**

27 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



A high-angle photograph of a surfer riding a large, curling wave. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, and the wave's crest is breaking over the surfer. The surfer is positioned near the base of the wave, leaning forward. The overall scene conveys a sense of motion and natural beauty.

Indwelling Spirit Within Us

**Joy Rises
Above the Wave**

***No Separation
from His Love***

**His Great Love for Us
Through Jesus Christ**

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

