

The Book of Romans 8:12-17

Key Phrases

- ✓ *Flesh*: This term refers to the _____ nature of humanity, inclined towards selfish desires and disobedience to God. It's not simply physical flesh, but encompasses our _____.
- ✓ *Spirit*: In this context, "Spirit" primarily refers to the _____, the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit dwells within believers, empowering them to live righteously and overcome the desires of the flesh.
- ✓ *Sons of God*: This term signifies those who have entered a _____ through faith in Jesus Christ. They are adopted into God's family and receive the rights and privileges associated with that status.
- ✓ *Spirit of adoption*: The Holy Spirit's work in bringing believers into God's family, granting them the position of _____.
- ✓ *Abba, Father*: An Aramaic term of endearment meaning _____ or _____, expressing a close and intimate relationship with God.
- ✓ *Heirs*: Those who are entitled to inherit something. In Romans 8, believers are considered heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, destined to share in the blessings and glory of _____.
- ✓ *Suffering with Christ*: The idea that believers will experience _____ and _____ in this life, mirroring the suffering of Jesus. This suffering is not seen as punishment, but as a necessary part of _____ and _____ with Christ.
- ✓ *Glorified together*: The ultimate destiny of believers, sharing in the glory and exaltation of Christ in eternity. This glorification involves both _____ transformation and the future _____ of the body.

Discussion Questions

1. According to Romans 8:12, to whom are believers indebted? What does this imply about how they should live?
2. Explain the significance of the phrase "Abba, Father" in Romans 8:15. What does it reveal about the believer's relationship with God?
3. Describe three inappropriate responses to the conviction of the Holy Spirit.
4. Consider the contrast Paul makes between living according to the flesh and living according to the Spirit. What are the practical implications of each way of life?
5. What does the adoption imagery reveal about God's character and the believer's privileges and responsibilities?
6. How does the Holy Spirit empower believers to overcome sin, experience intimacy with God, and live out their sonship?

7. How does the concept of “suffering with Christ” challenge common assumptions about the Christian life, and what comfort and encouragement can it offer believers facing trials?
8. How does the understanding of present suffering and future hope shape the believer's perspective on earthly hardships and their hope for a better tomorrow?