



# ROMANS: A FIRM FOUNDATION

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Romans 8



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## A TROUBLING REALITY

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, <sup>14</sup> because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.



## 7 TRUTHS THAT *SHOULD* DEFINE A CHRISTIAN

1. You have a new position
2. You have a new relationship
3. You have been adopted into a new family



<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <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.

## A CLOSER LOOK

1. Sonship = adoption.
2. Adoption is a difficult concept to embrace
  - A. It means that one has experienced profound loss.
  - B. It means that someone has chosen you.

## CONSEQUENCES OF ADOPTION

1. He got a new father and gained all the rights of a legitimate son in his new family.
2. He became an equal heir to his new fathers estate.
3. In the law, their old life was completely wiped out, they were entering a new life.
4. In the eyes of the law, he was completely the son of his adopted father.

## A CLOSER LOOK

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2. Adoption is a difficult concept to embrace
  - A. It means that one has been rejected by someone
  - B. It means that someone has chosen you.
  - C. The difficulty on determining which reality to embrace.
3. As spiritually adopted children all the benefits of heaven are ours – we are coheirs.





## TO GO

- How does the New Testament perspective regarding adoption differ from the way we see it today?
- What blessings are associated with spiritual adoption?
- Why we are so reticent to fully embrace our status as God's adopted children?