

Praying to God As His Sons

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Romans 8:14

The Sign of Being God's Sons

- For all who are led by the Spirit of God are **sons of God**.
- *It is a sign not a cause.*
- *If we walk in the Spirit (see previous lesson), we are evidence we are Sons of God*

Romans 8:15

The Prayer Privileges of Being God's Sons

- For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of **adoption as sons**, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”
- *Corresponding Prayers*
 - *Access*
 - *Intimacy*
 - *Relationship*
 - *In God's Family*

Romans 8:16

Spirit Assures Us We are God's Children

- The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God**,
- Corresponding Prayers:
- Assurance Gives Confidence
- Confidence Creates Boldness

Romans 8:17

As God's Children We are Joint Heirs with Christ

- **and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him./
- **Corresponding Prayers**
 - Christ Inherits all things, so, as Fellow Heirs with Christ, There are No Limits on what you can ask for.

Romans 8:18

The Promise to God's Sons: Glory/Suffering

- **For**
 - I consider that
 - the sufferings of this present time are not worth
 - comparing with
 - the glory
 - that is to be revealed to us.
- 2 Corinthians 4:17
 - For our light and momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal glory that is far beyond comparison

8:19 Fallen Creation Waits for Us

- **For**
- the creation waits
 - with eager longing
 - for the revealing of the **sons of God**.
- Prayer Principles:
- Wait with eagerness, yet patiently

8:20-21

Creation Cursed

- **For**
- the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it,
- in **hope** that
- the creation itself will
 - **be set free from its bondage to corruption**
 - and **obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**
- Genesis 3:
- And to Adam He said:
- “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree from which I commanded you not to eat,
- cursed is the ground because of you;



It is a Fallen World

Earth Gets Sabbath Rest

- Prophecies

8:22-23

Prayer Groans

- **For**
- we know that the whole creation has **been groaning** together in the pains of childbirth until now.
- And not only the creation,
- but **we ourselves**, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
- **groan inwardly**
- **as we wait eagerly for**
 - **adoption as sons,**
 - the redemption of our bodies.

- Prayer Principles:
- Creation grows in pain, but we groan inwardly
- Note groans are inward, not out loud.

WHO	WHAT	HOW
Creation	Grows	(Outwardly) in Birth Pains
We	Grows	Inwardly (Spiritually)
Holy Spirit	Grows	Too Deep For words

8:24-25 Pray Hopefully

- **For**
 - in this hope we were saved.
 - Now, hope that is seen is not hope.
For who hopes for what he sees?
 - **But**
 - if we hope for what we do not see,
 - we wait for it with patience.
- 2 Corinthians 4:18
 - So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

8:26 Holy Spirit Intercedes For Us

- Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
- **For** we do not know what to pray for as we ought,
- but the **Spirit himself intercedes** for us
- **with groanings [too deep for words][that cannot be uttered].**
- These groans are spoken by the HS in prayer.
- Tongues

8:27

- And
 - he who searches hearts knows
 - what is the mind of the Spirit,
 - because the Spirit intercedes
 - for the saints
 - according to the will of God.
- Holy Spirit Keeps Your Prayers on track