

"THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS THE SONS OF GOD"

ROMANS 8:14-17

I. DEFINING THE LEADING OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

A. The Discussion In Context

1. What It Is Not

- a. His Guidance Of The Believer In Decision Making
- b. His Empowering For Service

2. What It Is: The Supernatural Enablement Of Believers To Mortify The Deeds Of The Body (Romans 8:13-14)

B. The Discussion In Galatians 5:16-25

1. He Counteracts The Desires Of The Flesh (Galatians 5:17)

2. He Directs My Walk Away From The Fulfillment Of The Lust Of The Flesh (Galatians 5:16)

3. He Produces The Fruit Of The Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

II. THOSE WHO ARE SCRIPTURALLY LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT THEY ARE THE SONS OF GOD (8:14-17)

A. The Holy Spirit Will Never Lead God's Sons Into A Slavery Based Relationship (8:15)

B. The Holy Spirit Brings Us Into A Position Of Full Grown Sons (8:15-17)

1. Evidenced By The Way You Cry Out To God (8:15)

2. Evidenced By What Is Affirmed In Your Heart (8:16)

A COMPARISON OF TWO TEXTS

GALATIANS 4:1-7

Galatians 4:1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

Galatians 4:2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

Galatians 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Galatians 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Galatians 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Galatians 4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

ROMANS 8

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:3 ...God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh,

Romans 8:3 . . .and for sin

Romans 8:15 ...but ye have received the Spirit of adoption,

Romans 8:15 . . .whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Romans 8:9 ...if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear

Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs;