

# VIII

## Sons of God

### ROMANS 8:14–16

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> 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!”

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...

### 1 JOHN 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

### GALATIANS 4:6–7

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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THINK ABOUT

Some people are afraid of God. They have been given the impression that God is some kind of cosmic killjoy just waiting to zap them! But Paul has explained that “there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (8:1).

Therefore we are not to “fall back into fear” (v. 15). We are sons of God. Being indwelt by the Spirit (v. 9), the Spirit of God now leads us.

Furthermore, we have received “the Spirit of adoption as sons.” Now that we are in the family of God, there is no need to be afraid. God is our loving Father.

The Holy Spirit assures us that we truly are children of God (v. 16).

APPLY

All of us know what fear is. Some people live in constant fear. But through the miracle of the Gospel, we are conscious of the work of the Spirit in our lives.

Particularly in the difficult times of our lives, the Holy Spirit supernaturally assures us of the love of our Heavenly Father and that we are His children.

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ASK

What does it mean to be “led by the Spirit” (v. 14)?

Some people may look down on children who are adopted. How does God regard our adoption in His family?

Describe some difficult situations where you have received loving assurance from the Spirit that you are a child of God.

PRAY

*Help me, Lord, not to live in fear but to experience that peace which passes all understanding.*

*Thank you that I am your child. Help me today to be led by your Spirit.*



“Good Good Father” — Tomlin

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