

Sunday, June 19th

Title: “Father God Adopts”

Text: Romans 8:1–17

Series: *Father’s Day*

Part 1: The Blessing of Life in the Spirit (Rom 8:1–11)

1. Freedom from condemnation in Jesus (v. 1)

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

A. Because through Jesus, we have life not death (v. 2)

² *For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

B. Because God did what humans (we) cannot do—God “condemned sin” by “sending His own Son” (v. 3) – thus fulfilling the “righteous requirement of the law” (v. 4)

a. Christians now, by grace, live in the Spirit (v. 4b)

³ *For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

2. Bondage: Flesh or Spirit (vv. 5–8)

A. Our minds are set according to our nature (v. 5)

⁵ *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.*

B. Where our minds are set leads to Death or Life (v. 6)

⁶ *For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.*

1) Fleshly Minds Lead to Death because they are Hostile to God (vv. 7–8)

⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

2) Christians, in the Spirit, enjoy Life Eternal (vv. 9–11)

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Part 2: The Blessing of Adoption (vv. 12–17)

1. Christians do not have to live “according to the flesh” (vv. 12–13)

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

2. God's People have been Adopted by God the Father

A. “Led by the Spirit” (v. 14)

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

B. Assurance that replaces Fear (vv. 15–16)

¹⁵ 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!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

C. Heirs of God with Christ (v. 17)

¹⁷ 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.