

Christian, Do You Know Who You Are?

(Romans 8:12-17)

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Introduction

An Abbreviated 7-Part Outline of Romans:

1. Introduction (1:1-17)
2. The Need for Righteousness Because of Universal Sin (1:18–3:20)
3. The Righteousness of God in Justification by Faith (3:21–5:21)
4. The Righteousness of God in Sanctification (6:1–8:39)
5. The Righteousness of God in His Dealings with Israel (9:1–11:36)
6. The Righteousness of God in the Daily Life of Believers (12:1–15:13)
7. Conclusion (15:14–16:27)

A 3-Part Outline of Romans 6–8:

- a. The Believer's Relationship to Sin (chapt. 6)
- b. The Believer's Relationship to Law (chapt. 7)
- c. The Believer's Relationship to the Spirit (chapt. 8)

I. How should you live? (8:12-13)

- A. Living as Debtors (v. 12)
- B. Living as Doers (v. 13)
— cf. James 1:22; Luke 6:46-49; 8:21

II. How do you know you have life? (8:14-17)

- A. The Leading of the Spirit (v. 14)
— cf. Gal 5:16-25
- B. The Adoption of the Spirit (v. 15)

☞ Note that “Abba” is a cry in the heart language, not a second or third language spoken by the individual.
☛ “‘Children’ emphasizes family relationship based on regeneration, while ‘sons’ stresses legal standing.” (Harrison, “Romans” in *Expositor's Bible Commentary*, 10:93)

- C. The Witness of the Spirit (vv. 16-17)

Conclusion

No Condemnation—No Defeat—No Fear—No Despair
No Calamity—No Adversary—No Separation

Liberated by Christ = New Relationship + New Life + New Hope + New Assurance