

Hidden Hills Sovereign Grace Baptist Church
Wednesday Sermon

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Text: Romans 8:14-25

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:14-25

Subject: Joint-heirs with Christ; placement as sons

In verses 5 through 13 of this eighth chapter, we studied these things:

1. Carnal mindedness is death; spiritual mindedness is life and peace.
2. They that are in the flesh cannot please God.
3. We are not in the flesh if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in us.
We have the Spirit of God by which God sealed us after we believed.
4. Because Christ is in us, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
5. The Spirit which dwells in us – the Spirit that raised up Christ shall quicken our mortal bodies.
6. If we live after the flesh – we shall die. But if we, through the Spirit do mortify (put to death) the deeds of the body, we shall live.

Now, we come to verses 14 through 25 of this 8th chapter of Romans.

Romans 8:14 (KJV) *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, -- The Spirit of God leads these persons from sin, and from a dependence on their own righteousness, in paths they formerly knew not, and in which they should go, in the paths of faith and truth, of righteousness and holiness, and in a right, though sometimes a rough way. He leads them to the person, blood, and righteousness of Christ, and to the fulness of grace in him; into the presence of God. The Spirit leads

them to baptism to be planted in the likeness of Jesus' death and to the house of God, the pillar and ground of the truth – the Church of God; Moreover, the Spirit leads these into the truths of the Gospel, from one degree of grace to another, and at last to glory in the image of Jesus Christ who redeemed them. We do not all have the same proportion of the Spirit, but we all have the person of the Holy Spirit leading us.

they are the sons of God. – As surely as the Spirit leads us, that sure we are that we are the sons of God. We are begotten of God by the Spirit and are born from above.

John 1:11-13 (KJV) *He came unto his own, and his own received him not. **12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the **sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: **13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

1 John 3:1-2 (KJV) *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the **sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. **2** Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

Romans 8:15 (KJV) ***For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.***

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear;
-- The spirit of bondage again? Before we became a son of God by the new birth, we were in slavery to the god of this world, who

leads us captive. We were in bondage to the fears of death. We were slaves to our own fallen nature. But we have not received a spirit of bondage to fear, but where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is liberty. We have been set free from slavery to sin and Satan and have perfect love which casts out fear.

But ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. – We have received the Holy Ghost which is here called the Spirit of adoption. Notice we have not yet received the adoption, but the Spirit of adoption. By that Spirit, we cry and pray Abba (Hebrew for Father), Father. As we shall see in our next lesson, the Holy Spirit greatly helps our prayer life because He prays for us according to the will of God. We cry Abba, Father because the Almighty God is our Heavenly Father and we have this blessed privilege to call on him – yea, even to draw nigh to him and come boldly to the throne of grace to obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb. 4:16).

Romans 8:16 (KJV) *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, -- Tyndale wrote it like this: "The same sprete certifieth oure sprete yt we are the sonnes of God." That is, the Holy Spirit bears witness to our human spirit that we are the sons of God. Why? Because we are the sons of God. We belong to him. It is the Holy Spirit which renews the heart; sanctifies the soul; and produces (in varying degrees in each of us – but always some) > "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance," [Ga 5:22-23](#). Remember, there can be love, but also abounding love, fervent love; there can be joy, but also great joy; there can be peace, but also multiplied peace; there is longsuffering, but also

longsuffering with joy; there is gentleness, but also gentleness easy to be entreated; there is goodness but also a fulness of goodness; there is faith but also an increasing of faith. I think we understand. If a man has these, he has evidence of the witnessing of the Spirit with *his* spirit. If not, he has no such evidence.

1 John 5:10-11 (KJV) *He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*

That we are the children of God: -- The fruit of the Spirit proves that we are the sons of God. The Holy Spirit produces in the son of God love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, and temperance – this is impossible by human effort. The absence of these characteristics proves that we are not sons of God.

Romans 8:17 (KJV) *And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; -- And if children – and positively we are if the Spirit bears witness with our spirits. We are **heirs of God** - we shall be partakers of that inheritance which God gives to his people. That inheritance is his favor and blessing here, and eternal life hereafter. This is an honor infinitely higher than to be heir to the most princely earthly inheritance – far more greater than to be the son and heir of the most magnificent earthly monarch. ***And joint-heirs with Christ;*** - Beloved, Christ is the firstborn among many brethren (Rom. 8:29). And Christ is the heir of all things (Heb. 1:2). Once we are changed and caught up to meet him in the air, we shall ever

be with the LORD – that where he is, there we may be also!

Consider these passages:

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (KJV) *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

1 Corinthians 3:21-23 (KJV) *Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; 22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; 23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.*

Revelation 21:7 (KJV) *He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

1 John 5:5 (KJV) *Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*

If so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. – It is true that Christ and his people being one, he the head, and they the members, suffer together. When he suffered, they suffered with him and in him, as their head and representative. However, this speaks of us who also suffer afflictions, many of them at least of the same kind with Christ, with wrath and terror, but also with joy and comfort. Many of the sufferings of the saints are for the sake of Christ and his Gospel. Still by reason of that union which is between Christ and his dear children, he suffers when they suffer. As the Jerusalem church suffered at the hands of Saul of Tarsus, Jesus said to Saul on the Damascus Road, "Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou me?" (Acts 9).

Saul had been persecuting unto imprisonment and death many of the saints, therefore, their persecutions were counted as against the LORD. We shall be glorified with him and by him when he comes for us at the first resurrection – and we shall be like him for we shall see him as He is.

Romans 8:18 (KJV) *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

Sufferings are very real, hurtful, humiliating, and embarrassing to our human frame, yet, we can (with Paul) reckon (count them) unworthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Nay, brethren, they are light afflictions, which are but for a moment.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (KJV) *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

Romans 8:19 (KJV) *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

For – Because! What follows is going to tell us why the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

The earnest expectation of the creature – The anxious and persistent expectation of the creation. It is that which the entire creation is constantly expecting and longing for. Creation can now

be pictured as having the head thrust forward; in an intense anxiety.

Waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. – That is, the entire creation is waiting in expectation for the manifestation (the disclosing, the discovering) of the sons of God. At this present time the church is and can be likened unto a most precious pearl which is being formed in the muck and mire at the bottom of the sea totally out of sight of the entire creation. The creation cannot now know who are the sons of God, but it waits for the manifestation of them.

Romans 8:20 (KJV) *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

For the creature (creation) was made subject to vanity, -- We will all recall that because of Adam's transgression, God cursed the ground for Adam's sake. Doubtless all the living creatures who were then eating herbs would become meat eaters and would become hateful toward one another and the earth would seem to be a place for the survival of the fittest. All was vanity -emptiness seemingly with no real purpose.

Genesis 3:14-19 (KJV) *And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:*
15 *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.* **16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.** **17 *And unto Adam he***

said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Not willingly, -- The creation apart from the serpent, Adam and Eve was not complicit with them in disobedience to God, but suffered unwillingly immediately upon Adam's sin and continues to groan in travail to this day.

But by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, -
- But creation was subject to this vanity or emptiness by the Almighty, but in hope. The hope of a ruined creation is the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is both the Creator of all things and the Redeemer. Upon His blessed brow He bore the thorns, the emblem of the curse which rests upon creation. And when He comes, groaning creation will be delivered. Then "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and fatling together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox and a little child shall lead them. And dust shall continue to be the serpent's meat, but the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. Nothing shall hurt nor destroy in all of God's holy kingdom.

Romans 8:21 (KJV) *Because the creature itself also shall be*

delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

All of creation itself shall be delivered in that day. The hope of a ruined creation is the Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is both the Creator of all things and the Redeemer. Upon His blessed brow He bore the thorns, the emblem of the curse which rests upon creation. And when He comes, groaning creation will be delivered. Creation will enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God and the 2nd coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and during His thousand years reign on this earth. Let's read about that:

Isaiah 11:5-9 (KJV) *And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Isaiah 65:25 (KJV) *The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

Ezekiel 34:25 (KJV) *And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.*

Hosea 2:18 (KJV) *And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.*

Romans 8:22 (KJV) *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

We do know this, do we not? The whole creation is characterized by killing, death, bloodshed, and pain. One would have to be willingly blind not to see this. Bears kill moose, caribou and rodents – sometimes one another. Birds prey on small animals and other birds – and on the fish of the streams and sea. Bigger fish prey on smaller fish and smaller creatures. Children do not lead lions, leopards, tigers, bears and wolves about. But they shall.

Romans 8:23 (KJV) *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, -- This proves that verses 19-22 which speaks of the creation is not talking about those of us who are God's children. Not only they – that is, the creation – all of them, but also ourselves who have the firstfruits of the Spirit.

Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, -- This speak of God's children – all of us groan within ourselves. We are eat up and consumed with pain and distress in our human bodies. In this body we groan, being burdened – not

that we should be unclothed (put off our body), but that we should be clothed upon.

2 Corinthians 5:4-5 (KJV) *For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.*

See that? We are groaning in ourselves waiting for the adoption. We were given the "Spirit of adoption" whereby we cry, Abba, Father – but not the adoption itself. We are waiting for that.

To wit, the redemption of our body. – To wit is the future tense of "wot" and "wist." Which means to "know." Redemption of our body speaks of the time when the bodies of the saints will be delivered from that mortality, corruption, weakness, and dishonor, under which they lie (including those who are in the grave;) when they will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and made like unto the glorious body of Jesus. This is the adoption – or the placing as sons. Then, will all creation see the manifestation of the sons of God – an event which it has been longing for since the fall of Adam. Because they too will be delivered from the bondage of corruption.

Romans 8:24-25 (KJV) *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.*

For we are saved by hope: -- Hope saves us in this sense: we are kept, preserved, sustained in our trials, by hope. Our trials are

so great that nothing but the prospect of future deliverance would uphold us; and the prospect is sufficient to enable us to bear them with patience. Our hope is both sure and steadfast. It shall be realized.

Hebrews 6:17-20 (KJV) *Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: **18** That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge **to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; 20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.***

But hope that is seen is not hope: -- If we see it, we have it. We don't hope for it any longer. Once we see this, hope become sight.

For what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.—Ah, beloved. We have need of patience to keep on in our hope and to keep on with our work in the Lord till Jesus comes!