

## **We Are Children of God**

### ***Romans 8:14-17***

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

### **1. We Are Spirit-led Sons // Spirit of Holiness**

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

#### **A. Led by the Spirit of Holiness**

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God*

#### **B. Identified as Sons of God**

*are sons of God.*

### **1. We Are Adopted Children // Spirit of Adoption**

**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!”

#### **A. Not a Spirit of Slavery**

*For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,*

#### **B. The Spirit of Adoption**

*but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”*

### **1. We Are Confirmed Heirs // Spirit of Testimony**

**16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **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.

#### **A. Spirit-Confirmed Children**

*16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God*

#### **B. Fellow Heirs with Christ**

*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.*

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