

# Freedom in the Spirit

## HELPEFUL SCRIPTURES

## SERMON NOTES

Romans 8:9-11

### **I. “Obligation” or “Adoption,” Its Your Choice, (Romans 8:12-17)**

#### **A. “Obligated”? Yes! But to What?! (vs. 12-14)**

1. (v. 12), *“So then brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh”*
  - a. *“Obligation”* is an interesting word. It is used by both Jesus and Paul.

Matthew 6:11

Romans 6:23

Romans 1:14, 15, 16

Mark 1:1

1 Peter 2:9

2. (v. 13a), *“...for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die”*
  - a. *“Living according to the flesh”* = *“set their minds on the things of the flesh”*

Romans 8:5, 6, 7

- b. (v. 13b), *“but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”*

James 1:14-16

Philippians 4:8

3. (v. 14), *“For all who are being led by the Spirit, these are sons of God.”*

Proverbs 23:7

**B. “Slaves” or “Sons” - Which???** (vs. 15-17)

1. (v. 15a), *“For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again...”*
  - a. A *“spirit of slavery leads to fear”* – but what does this mean?

Romans 7:14

Romans 7:24

Romans 8:2

2. (v. 15b), *“but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’”*
  - a. *“Adoption”* sounds better than *“slavery”*! But what does *this* mean?

Romans 9:6, 8

Romans 4:13

Mark 14:36

2. (vs. 16-17), *“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God”*
  - a. The *“Spirit bears witness with our spirit”* because of our trust in what He has revealed in His word.

Romans 8:5

4. (v. 17), *“...and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may be glorified with Him.”*

Ephesians 1:3

1 Peter 1:3-4

**CONCLUSIONS:**

Galatians 3:26-27