

ARE YOU A SON?

Romans 8:1-17 (NIV)

1 *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,*

2 *because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.*

3 *For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man,*

4 *in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.*

5 *Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.*

6 *The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;*

7 *the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.*

8 *Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.*

9 *You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.*

10 *But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.*

11 *And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.*

12 *Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.*

13 *For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,*

14 *because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

15 *For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."*

16 *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

17 *Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

-Being led by the spirit has its benefits.

-We are the sons of God.

-The father of this family is unlike any earthly father.

Definition of "Heir":

1. A person who inherits or is entitled by law or by the terms of a will to inherit the estate of another.

2. A person who succeeds or is in line to succeed to a hereditary rank, title, or office.

3. One who receives or is expected to receive a heritage, as of ideas, from a predecessor.

DO YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNE TIME?

Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

1 *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert,*

2 *where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.*

3 *The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."*

4 *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"*

5 *The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.*

6 *And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.*

7 *So if you worship me, it will all be yours."*

8 *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"*

9 *The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here.*

10 *For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;*

11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

12 Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

- Notice that Jesus, before going into a place where temptation was, He got full of the Holy Spirit.
- After being full of the Spirit, Jesus was **led** by the Spirit into the desert.
- Usually whatever you are full of is what is leading your life.
- The devil questioned Jesus' sonship with a temptation.
- Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.
- The devil himself tried to lead Jesus.
- You are going to have to follow the leader in order to stay on track.
- There are plenty of people and things trying to lead your life. Will you stay the course?
- v.13 says that Satan left Jesus after he realized that his temptations were not working. It said that he was waiting for an opportune time.
- Do you have an opportune time in your life?
- Is your life right now an opportune time for the devil to begin his attacks?
- If you aren't full of the Spirit then you are a target for an awaiting prey.
- God has a specific place that He wants to take you, but you will have to be led there.
- Are you following the leader?