

21 **Romans Lesson 39**

Chapter 8:10-15

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10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 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. Romans 8:10-15

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Verse 10:

10 And if Christ *be* in you, (Col. 1:27)

the body *is* dead because of sin;

but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. (1 Cor. 15:45)

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Verse 11:

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, (Ac. 2:24)

he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies (Jn. 5:21)

by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (8:9, 1 Cor. 3:16, 2 Tim. 1:14)

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Verses 12-13:

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, (Gal. 5:3)

not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: (FM: Gen. 6:17, Eze. 3:18)

but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (Eph. 4:22, Col. 3:5)

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Verses 14-15:

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, (Gal. 5:18)

they are the sons of God. (Phil. 2:15)

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; (Rom. 8:21, Gal. 4:3, 5:1)

but ye have received the Spirit of adoption,

whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (8:23, 9:4, Gal. 4:5, Eph. 1:5)

27 **Adoption**

#5 Adoption – This word appears five times in the KJB:

• Rom. 8:15 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.

- Rom. 8:23 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.
- Rom. 9:4 Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service *of God*, and the promises;
- Gal. 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
- Eph. 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

28 Adoption

1. The Apostle Paul introduced the concept of adoption in the eighth chapter of Romans. Whilst Israel was chosen above other nations and became a son—even His firstborn (Ex 4:22), he is not referred to as being in a state of adoption.
2. Bible margin references and most commentators will refer back to this relationship of adoption with Israel, but they would not be able to do so had not Paul introduced the concept. They are typically looking backward with hindsight provided by Paul.
3. It is of interest to note that in the Law of Moses, there was no consideration or provision for adoption, whilst surrounding nations did so. We do see Moses being taken in by Pharaoh's daughter and being raised as her own son (Ex 2:10), later refusing to be called her son (Heb. 11:24). A similar example is that of Esther, wherein Mordecai took her for his own daughter (Est. 2:7). Under Persian captivity, they both benefited and were promoted, Esther being made queen and Mordecai sitting in the king's gate.
4. These are just two examples of Jewish preservation whilst in captivity and the nation of Israel benefitting from their "adoption." That is why Paul could say in Rom.9:4: "... to whom *pertaineth* the adoption..."