



Romans 8:9-10

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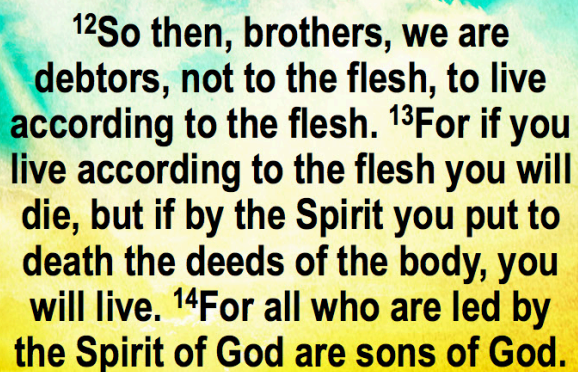


Salutări din România!

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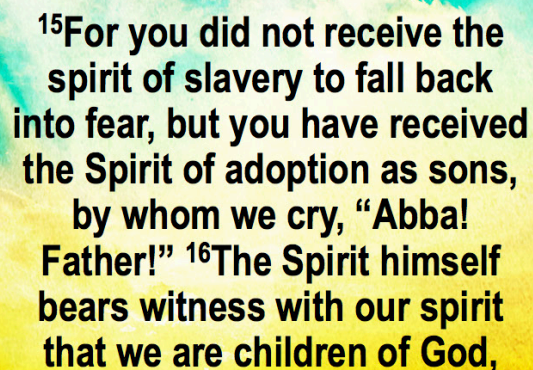


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¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

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¹⁵For 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!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

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17and 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.

—Romans 8:12-17 ESV

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**“Adopted defines how
you came into the
household, but it doesn’t
define you as some other
sort of family member.”**

—Russell Moore

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ADOPTION

A Provision of Grace

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Adoption Into a Roman Family:

1. The adopted person lost all rights to the old family relationship and gained legitimate legal status as a son.
2. He became the legal heir to the father’s estate, even if other biological children followed.

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Adoption Into a Roman Family:

3. In law, the old life (debts, obligations) were wiped out and they were regarded as people with a new identity.
4. In law, the adopted son was absolutely and irrevocably the son of his new father.

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“Spiritual adoption is the legal act of God that changes your status from ‘outcast’ to ‘heir’ as a part of His eternal family.”

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**But to all who did receive
him, who believed in his
name, he gave the right to
become children of God.**

—John 1:12 ESV

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**“This gift of sonship is the highest
privilege of redemption and the primary
work of the Holy Spirit.” —John Calvin**

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ADOPTION

A Privilege For Us

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Romans 8:12-14

**Through adoption,
we learn how to live.**

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**... ²in which you once walked, following
the course of this world, following the
prince of the power of the air, the spirit
that is now at work in the sons of
disobedience— ³among whom we all
once lived in the passions of our flesh,
carrying out the desires of the body
and the mind, and were by nature
children of wrath, like the rest of
mankind. —Ephesians 2:2-3 ESV**

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Romans 8:15

**Through adoption,
we learn the way of love.**

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18There is no fear in love,
but perfect love casts out fear.
For fear has to do with
punishment, and whoever fears
has not been perfected in love.
19We love because he first
loved us. —1 John 4:18-19 ESV

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Romans 8:15
Through adoption,
we learn the joy of acceptance.

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“Abba Father”
Galatians 4:4-7

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Romans 8:16
Through adoption,
we learn the blessing of belonging.

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God’s Spirit is the “guarantee”
of your inheritance affirming you
“belong” to the Father.

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Through adoption,
we learn the benefits of inheritance.

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A Father's Love

... but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. —Romans 5:8 ESV

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A Promise

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.
—John 1:12 ESV

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