

## There Are Some Benefits

Romans 8.14-17

As you read the Word of God, you come to understand that there is a lot to this business of being a child of God. It is more than simply having your sins forgiven. It is coming into an inheritance. We become heirs, the Scripture says—fellow heirs with Christ. In other words, you're in the will now that you are in the family.

As believers, we need to understand what the Scripture says concerning **the benefits of being a child** of God.

### We Can Know That We Are a Part of God's Family

*“...because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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.’”* Romans 8:14-15

*“**For he himself is our peace**, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. **His purpose was to create in himself one new man** out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but **fellow citizens with God's people** and **members of God's household**.”* Ephesians 2:14-19

*“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”* Hebrews 4:12-16

*“May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”* Hebrews 13:20-21

### We Can Be Confident That We Are Children of God

*“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.”* Romans 8:16

### We Can Be Sure of an Eternal Inheritance

*“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.”* Romans 8:17

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