

Adopted to be Heirs **Romans 8:15-17**

Intimacy with God the Father, 15

- Some claim that all are God's Children, but see Jn. 1:11,12, Gal. 3:26, I Jn. 3:1. Compare to Eph. 2:3, 5:6, Jn. 8:42ff.
- Our *adoption* (8:23, 9:4, Gal. 4:5, Eph. 1:5) is in contrast to enslavement to the OT Law, 7:6, Gal. 5:1. What a privilege! *Abba* = Aramaic for Father (used by Jesus in Mk. 14:36).
This means . . .

Testifying with us to God the Father, 16

The Spirit testifies with our spirit to God, not to our spirit, see 2:15, 9:1 (II Cor 13:1). Also note several other with-prefixed words: co-heirs with Him, suffer with Him, glorified with Him.
This means . . .

Inheritance with God the Son, 17

Paul appears to be describing two heirships: (1) as an heir of God unconditionally for being His child: Gal. 4:7, Col 1:12; (2) as a co-heir with Christ conditionally for suffering with Him: II Tim. 2:11,12, Matt. 5:11,12, Acts 20:32. Being co-heirs lead to co-reigning, II Tim. 2:12, Rev. 2:26,27, Lk. 19:11ff., II Jn. 8.
This means . . .

