

Spirit-Empowered Christian Living: Part 2

Romans 8:12-17 (p. #944 in pew Bible)

Big Idea: Christians have the best and most important reasons to be **thankful**.

I. Christians are adopted into God's forever-loved _____ . (8:12-15)

A. " _____ " (vs. 12)

B. " _____ not to the flesh" (vs. 12)

C. " _____ " (vs. 14-15)

Observation: Those who are adopted by God into His family (through faith in Jesus Christ) **think and live differently** than those who are unsaved.

Application: Christians must **pursue holiness** in their thinking and living because they are holy in Christ.

Observation: Those who are adopted by God into His family (through faith in Jesus Christ) **have a different calling** than those who are unsaved.

Application: Christians can and will pursue holiness in their thinking and living because they are forever **indwelt with the Holy Spirit**.

Observation: Those who are adopted by God into His family (through faith in Jesus Christ) **have a different future** than those who are unsaved.

II. Christians will receive a glorious and eternal _____ from their heavenly Father. (8:16-17)

A. “ _____ ” (vs. 16)

B. “ _____ ” (vs. 17)

C. “Fellow-heirs _____ ” (vs. 17)

Observation: *There is **nothing better** than being a child of God!*

Application: *Do not let Satan trick you into thinking that being a child of God and an heir of Heaven means that you can live life your way instead of God’s way.*

III. Christians eagerly anticipate the future, eternal _____ that is promised to them in Christ. **(8:17b)**

A. Christians never go through suffering _____.

B. Christians never go through suffering _____.

C. God never _____ His children’s suffering or allows them to suffer _____.

D. Christians share in Christ’s eternal _____ through the _____ and _____ pain of suffering.

Observation: *Christians can be thankful in times of trial and pain because **their suffering is clothed in God’s love and goodness.***

Application: *Christians should **think and live as the most thankful and most worshipful** creatures in all of God’s creation.*