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OPENING COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION

I. THE REQUIREMENT FOR BEING A CHILD OF GOD ~ 8:14

For Further Study: John 13:1; 14:21; Romans 8:17; 9:26; 2 Corinthians 6:18

II. THE BENEFITS OF BEING A CHILD OF GOD ~ 8:15-17

For Further Study: Matthew 6:9; Mark 14:36; Romans 8:23; 9:4; 10:12; Galatians 3:26, 29; 4:5; Ephesians 1:5-6; 2:3; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Hebrews 5:8; 6:14, 17-18; 12:5-11; I Peter 1:4; 5:7

A. Led by the Spirit of Grace ~ v. 15a

B. Led by the Spirit of Adoption ~ v. 15b

C. Led by the Spirit of Witness ~ v. 16

D. Led by the Spirit of an Inheritance ~ v. 17

III. THE HOPE OF BEING A CHILD OF GOD~ 8:18-25

For Further Study: Genesis 3:17-19; Psalm 19:1; Isaiah 11:6-9; 53:3; John 1:1-3; II Corinthians 11:24-28; Colossians 3:4; II Thessalonians 2:14; 4:13-18; Hebrews 1:2; 2:10; Hebrews 11:3; I Peter 5:8-10; I John 3:2

A. The Created Order and the Fall ~ vs. 20-22

1. *Frustration*
2. *Decay*
3. *Pain*

B. The Created Order and the Reversal of the Fall ~ vs. 19-23

1. *Fulfillment*
2. *Newness*
3. *Joy*

C. The Hope and Weight of Glory ~ 8:18, 24-25

IV. THE HELP FOR BEING A CHILD OF GOD~ 8:26-27

For Further Study: Deuteronomy 3:25-26; 6:4; I Kings 19:4; Psalm 90:17; Matthew 26:36-46; Matthew 28:19; Luke 5:16; 18:1; John 5:19; Romans 12:1-2; II Corinthians 12:7-10; Ephesians 3:20-21; 5:17; Philippians 1:22-24; 4:6-7; Colossians 4:12; James 2:19; 5:17

A. Why Does the Holy Spirit Need to Help Me in My Prayers?

B. What Does the Spirit Pray for Me?

1. *Be Encouraged! You are not expected to know the will of God in every aspect of your life.*
2. *Be Encouraged! In your confusion and groanings, you are not being judged; you are being understood.*
3. *Be Encouraged! God's sovereign providence over all things is not dependent upon your lack of knowing what to say in prayer. (cf. Ephesians 3:20)*
4. *Be Encouraged! In your weakness and sickness and loss and hardship and danger, the Spirit of God is praying for you and not against you.*
5. *Be encouraged! God the Father always hears the prayers of God the Spirit.*

C. How Does the Spirit Pray for Me?