

The Spirit of Adoption

Romans 8:14-17

(series #55)

Introduction: Adoption in Paul's day under Roman law
The adopted gained all the rights of a legitimate son
He became heir to his new father's estate
All past debts were canceled
He was absolutely the son of his new father
The ceremony was carried out in front of 7 witnesses

I. We are led by the Spirit of God v. 14

- A. The context - putting to death deeds of the body
- B. The objective side of being led
- C. The subjective side of being led

II. We cry "Abba, Father" v. 15

- A. We don't cower in fear
- B. We have a relationship of intimacy

III. We are assured we are children of God v. 16

- A. The objective side - I John 2:3-4
- B. The subjective side

IV. We are heirs of a rich inheritance v. 17

- A. II Corinthians 8:9
- B. I Peter 1:3-4
- C. II Corinthians 4:17
- D. John 16:33
- E. Psalm 119:71

