

Freedom in the Spirit  
Romans 8:12-16 (17); 26-27

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“Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live” (Rom 8:12-13)

Gr. Sarx—life dominated by false self and sin

“If you mortify the deeds of the body, you will live (v.13).”

Mortification means a ruthless, full-hearted resistance to anything that grieves the Spirit.

“Be Killing Sin or Sin will be killing you.”  
—John Owen

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For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

The privileges of being an adopted child of God

**Security.**

**Authority.**

**Intimacy.**

**Assurance.**

**Inheritance.**

## **Romans 8:26-27**

In the same way the Spirit also joins to help in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with unspoken groanings. 27 And He who searches the hearts knows the Spirit's mind-set, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.