

## WHAT WE BELIEVE AND HOW WE BEHAVE—18

*“How God Justifies The Ungodly?”*

*“He Saves the Ungodly, BECAUSE We Are ADOPTED”*

Romans 8:14-17

Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

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### I. **FIRST, WE HAVE THE CERTAINTY OF OUR ACCEPTANCE (Romans 8:14-15).**

- A. First, we are certain that we have been accepted because we have a new *family* (5:14).
- B. Secondly, we are certain that we have been accepted because we have a new *Father* (8:15).

Adoption steps in the Roman culture:

1. The adopted son was adopted *permanently*.
2. The adopted son had *immediately* all the rights of a legitimate son in the new family.
3. The adopted son had *completely* lost all rights to his old family.

### II. **SECONDLY, WE HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:16).**

- A. First, our assurance is centered around \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit (8:16a). *“The Spirit itself (Himself) beareth witness with our spirit . . .”*
- B. Secondly our assurance is rooted in our \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit (8:16b). *“ . . . that we are the children of God.”*

### III. **THIRDLY, WE HAVE THE COMFORT OF OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:17).**

Just what do we inherit? Note four things about our inheritance as God’s children:

- A. First, we inherit \_\_\_\_\_ of God (8:17b). *“ . . . heirs of God . . . ”*
- B. Secondly, we are \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ (8:17c). *“ . . . and join-heirs with Christ . . . ”*
- C. Thirdly, we are heirs of His \_\_\_\_\_ (8:17d). *“ . . . if so be we suffer with him . . . ”*
- D. Fourthly, we are heirs of His \_\_\_\_\_ (8:17d). *“ . . . that we may be also glorified together.”*