



SERMON NOTES

Unashamed: We Are Adopted By The Father

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Romans Road

Romans 3:10 – There is no one righteous, not even one.

Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:1 – Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8: A Declaration of Freedom: We are Adopted by the Father!

I. We are free from judgement: No condemnation! Vs 1-4

- The law cannot claim you. Vs 2
- The law cannot condemn you. Vs 3
- The law cannot control you. Vs 4

II. We are free from defeat: No obligation! Vs 5-17

- Contrasts of the spirit life and flesh life Vs 5-8
 - Vs 5 - In the flesh vs in the Spirit
 - Vs 6 - Death vs Peace
 - Vs 7 - War with God vs Peace with God
 - Vs 8 - Self pleasing vs God pleasing
- You have the Spirit of God Vs 9-13
 - Vs 9 - The Spirit is in you
 - Vs 10 - The Spirit gives life to your spirit
 - Vs 11 - The Spirit gives life to your body
 - Vs 12-13 - We are obligated to the Spirit but not to the flesh

III. We are free in the family: Adopted! Vs 14-17

- The Spirit of God has you
 - Roman Adoption – *Patria potestas* – absolute control of the father for the life of the child
 - *Mancipato* – ceremonial breaking of *patria potestas* from former father
 - *Vindicato* – transfer of *patria potestas* to new father
 - Consequences of adoption
 - All rights in the former family removed
 - All debts of former family removed
 - All rights of new family given
 - Inheritance established as a son in the new family
 - Proceedings witnessed by 7 witnesses in case legitimacy is questioned.

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...” Romans 1:16