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The Epistle to the ROMANS

Adoption and Heirship Romans 8:13–17



Rom. 8:12, “Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.”

Romans 8:13, “for

if you are living according to the flesh,
you must die;

but

if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body,
you will live.”

- 1. At the instant of salvation every believer is regenerated and adopted into the royal family of God.**
- 2. At the instant of salvation all are babies (*brephos* or *teknon*).**
- 3. *Huios* is an adult son.**

4. In John 1:12 it is possible to understand this in terms of immediate birth into the family of God. We are saved to become sons not to stay babies.

John 1:12, “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even (or that is) to those who believe in His name:”

5. Several passages indicate sonship is a result of character, not simply faith. If sonship is automatic at salvation, then these verses make it sound as if works accompany salvation.

Matt. 5:44, “But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you

Matt. 5:45, “in order that you may be sons [*Huios*] of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”

Matt. 5:9, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

Rev. 21:7. “He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son [*Huios*].”

Rom. 8:15, “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’ ”