

True Sons

Receiving Christ brings us into God's family as sons and daughters, not fearful servants trying to earn a place.

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Live from your identity as a son or daughter of God.

- Those who receive Christ are adopted into God's family and become heirs with Christ. ([Romans 8:14-17](#))
- Sonship is received through Christ, then expressed through a life that reflects His victory and character. ([John 1:12-13](#))
- Let the Word show you who you are and continue in it until truth shapes daily conduct. ([James 1:23-25](#))

"Live as a son. Live as a daughter of God. Live as the one victorious in Christ."

STUDY [Romans 8:14-17](#); [John 1:12-13](#); [James 1:23-25](#)

02 Walk by the Holy Spirit and put the deeds of the flesh to death.

- Believers are not debtors to the flesh; life comes as the Spirit empowers obedience. ([Romans 8:12-13](#))
- The Holy Spirit bears witness that believers are God's children and frees them from bondage to fear. ([Romans 8:15-16](#))
- Spiritual maturity grows as the life of Christ becomes active rather than remaining only an idea. ([Galatians 5:16](#))

"The Holy Spirit is the one that makes our spirit man alive unto God."

STUDY [Romans 8:12-16](#); [Galatians 5:16](#)

03 Remember what Jesus accomplished through His death and resurrection.

- Christ bore sin so that believers could become the righteousness of God in Him. ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#))
- The Spirit who raised Jesus gives life and establishes believers in resurrection hope. ([Romans 8:11](#))
- Jesus is the firstborn among many brothers and sisters being conformed to His image. ([Romans 8:29](#))

“This resurrection life—we celebrate it now.”

STUDY [2 Corinthians 5:21](#); [Romans 8:11](#); [Romans 8:29](#)

04 Persevere through suffering without surrendering your identity.

- Present suffering cannot compare with the glory God will reveal in His children. ([Romans 8:18](#))
- Lay aside every weight, keep looking to Jesus, and run with endurance. ([Hebrews 12:1-3](#))
- Trials and rejection do not cancel God’s love, purpose, or help in Christ. ([Romans 8:28](#))

“Every problem that you face, it’s solved in Him.”

STUDY [Romans 8:18](#); [Hebrews 12:1-3](#); [Romans 8:28](#)

05 Resist fear, accusation, and spiritual opposition in Christ.

- The battle is not against people but against spiritual forces. ([Ephesians 6:12](#))
- Believers overcome the accuser through the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. ([Revelation 12:11](#))
- God’s perfect love displaces fear and anchors believers in His care. ([1 John 4:18](#))

“We overcome even Satan by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.”

STUDY [Ephesians 6:12](#); [Revelation 12:11](#); [1 John 4:18](#)

06 Stand firm in truth, hope, and the inseparable love of Christ.

- Remain alert to deception and hold firmly to apostolic teaching. ([2 Thessalonians 2:1-17](#))
- The Holy Spirit and Jesus intercede for believers in weakness and pressure. ([Romans 8:26-34](#))
- Nothing in creation can separate God’s children from His love in Christ. ([Romans 8:35-39](#))

“In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

STUDY [2 Thessalonians 2:1-17](#); [Romans 8:26-39](#)

Read the Word in context.

[Romans 8:11-18](#)

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How will you put the Word into practice?

Where do you need to live more deliberately from your identity as God's child?

Which work of the flesh is the Holy Spirit leading you to put to death?

How will you remain faithful when suffering, rejection, or pressure comes?

Which truth from Romans 8 will you use to answer fear, accusation, or deception?
