

Romans 8
Part 2

We feel...	We have...	God says...
I'm no good I'm NEVER going to change	Victory	No domination
My life is falling apart	Expectancy	No desperation
There is no future for me	Security	No separation

When we feel... I'm NEVER going to change!
The truth is... I AM going to change!

I. I WILL CHANGE BECAUSE I HAVE A NEW NATURE

1. My new nature can think differently. These verses don't mean body and soul. They mean self and God.
2. My new nature can live differently The choice: death or life
3. My new nature can relate differently
The choice: sinful or spiritual

II. I WILL CHANGE BECAUSE I HAVE A NEW MANAGER

5 things we must recognize in order for this new control to take place:

1. Without Christ I cannot have the Spirit
 2. Without the Spirit I cannot please God
 3. The Holy Spirit gives life to my spirit
 4. The Holy Spirit will give life to my body
 5. I have a new obligation
- The truth is not, "I'll never change."
The truth is: "I'll inevitably change"

III. I WILL CHANGE BECAUSE I HAVE A NEW FATHER

The growing assurances that God is your Father:

1. I am led by God's Spirit
2. I am no longer a slave to fear

In the Greek language the word "*tekna*" means "little child" while the word "*huios*" means adult child.

In the Roman culture of Paul's day an adoptive son was a son deliberately chosen by his father to perpetuate the father's name and inherit the estate.

3. I cry out His name

His name here is "*Abba, Father,*" He said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will." *Mark 14:36*

The Aramaic & Greek words for "father" are side by side:
Jew and Gentile both included.
The formal and informal are side by side:
Intimate and authority both included.

"The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children." Rom 8:16

With that assurance comes a promise:
God's children are God's heirs !

Notice the condition for enjoying the inheritance of Christ:
Suffering with Christ.

GROWTHWORK

Enjoy your new nature this week by... taking time to thank God that you have a choice in your circumstances and temptations and relationships.

Enjoy your new manager this week by... practicing Spirit controlled living in your family.

Enjoy your new Father this week by... using a more familiar name when talking with God.