

## Romans 8:16-17

### **8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

Every Christian has the the Spirit of God within them that testifies that they are a child of God (1 John 5:7-10).

When you were saved, you were married to God's Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:15-17, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 5:25-33).

### **8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.**

#### HEIRS OF GOD

Not Conditional

Because we are children of God we are heirs of God. We are set to inherit some things.

What we inherit as an heir of God:

Justification by faith - Galatians 3:22-27 (see also Genesis 12:1-2, Acts 3:25-36)

Abraham: Promise to inherit the world to come - Kingdom of heaven (Romans 4:13-16)

Inherit the promises in Christ through belief in the Gospel (Ephesians 3:6)

- Redemption, Forgiveness of sins, wisdom, understanding, righteousness, eternal life, new body, etc

Eternal life (Titus 3:7)

Hebrews 6:13-20

God was willing to show us that what he promised we will surely inherit and he confirmed it by two immutable things:

1) God cannot lie (Titus 1:1-3)

2) God swore by himself (Genesis 24:7)

#### JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST

Conditional

Condition: suffering

Who overcomes? (1 John 5:5-5)

Revelation 2:7

HE THAT OVERCOMETH

1) Right to eat of the tree of life

Revelation 2:11

HE THAT OVERCOMETH

1) Not hurt of the second death

Revelation 2:17

HE THAT OVERCOMETH

1) Eat hidden manna

2) A white stone with a new name on it that he and only God knows

Revelation 3:5

HE THAT OVERCOMETH

1) Clothed in white raiment

2) Jesus will NOT blot your name out of the book of life

3) Jesus will confess you before God and the angels

Revelation 3:12

HE THAT OVERCOMETH

1) Made a pillar in the empty of God (never more to leave there)

2) God's names, the name of new Jerusalem, Jesus' new name are written upon your head

Revelation 3:21

HE THAT OVERCOMETH

1) Granted to sit down with Christ in his throne (Matthew 8:11-12)

\*Revelation 2:20

HE THAT OVERCOMETH AND KEEPETH MY WORKS UNTO THE END

1) Power to rule the nations

2) Right to rule and execute judgment upon the nations

3) Get the morning star

God puts all Christians and causes all Christians to suffer that they might be a joint heir with Christ (Philippians 1:29, 1 Thessalonians 3:1-4, 1 Peter 2:20-25, 1 Peter 4:19)

Christ said it was necessary for him to suffer (Luke 24:46) and through his suffering he was made perfect (Hebrews 2:10, Hebrews 2:17-18, Hebrews 5:8-9).

As it behooved Christ to suffer first, then be glorified, so it is with us that we too are to first suffer, and then be glorified. As it behooved Christ to be made like unto us, so we too must be made like unto him. As he was made perfect through sufferings, even learning obedience thereby, so we too are made perfect through sufferings, even learning obedience to God thereby.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We too are sons of God by believing on him. If Christ

was made perfect through sufferings, how much more does it behoove us to suffer that we might be perfect? If Christ learned obedience by the things which he suffered, how much more do you think particular sufferings, afflictions, persecutions, and temptations, are coming our way that we might learn obedience to God?

Jesus Christ was the most humble, and God has exalted him to the highest position because of his humility, and suffering, and endurance of the cross and endurance of things sinners said against him (Hebrews 12:2-3)

#### THE REWARDS OF SUFFERING

Mark 10:29-30

Luke 6:22-23

2 Timothy 2:8-13 (ruling and reigning is conditional)

1 Peter 4:12-14

End: 2 Corinthians 4:17