**“The Spirit of Adoption”**

**Chosen**

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I. **Follow** the Spirit

**Romans 8:14 NLT**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

· We must be **Reborn** in the **Spirit**

· God’s children are **Obedient** to the Holy Spirit.

**John 3:6 NLT**

Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

**Galatians 5:16-17 NLT**

So, I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

**1 John 3:9 NLT**

Those who have been born into God’s family do not make a practice of sinning, because God’s life is in them. So they can’t keep on sinning, because they are children of God.

II. **Freedom** in the Spirit

**Romans 8:15 NLT**

So, you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.”

· We are **Adopted** into God’s Family.

· Our **Status** has **Changed**

**2 Timothy 1:7 NLT**

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

**1 Corinthians 2:12 NLT**

And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

III. **Family** Through the Spirit

**Romans 8:16 NLT**

For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.

· We are the **Children** of God.

· We are **Chosen**

**Ephesians 1:5 NLT**

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So, we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.

**John 1:12 NLT**

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

IV. **Forever** God’s Children

**Romans 8:17 NLT**

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

· We are **Heirs** to the King.

· **Suffer** now **Glory** later.

**Galatians 4:7 NLT**

Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child,

God has made you his heir.

**1 Peter 1:4 NLT**

and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

**John 17:24 NLT**

Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!