

INTRODUCTION

- * Paul has presented 1) the universal sinfulness and condemnation of man; 2) God's provision of deliverance from that condemnation through faith in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ - His death, burial and resurrection; 3) The union with Christ in His is death and life for those who believe and 4) the effects of that union with Christ
- * Last week, we considered God's great love for us that is expressed in the greatest effect of our union with Christ - our adoption by God. Those who believe in Christ are "children of God" and "joint-heirs with Christ!"
- * Today, we continue that theme in our transition to Paul's next major topic ... the effect of the revelation of salvation by faith upon the nation of Israel

INSTRUCTION

I. OUR ADOPTION (v. 12-25)

- A. The **Condition** of Our Adoption (v. 14) - The Leading of the Spirit
- B. The **Witness** of Our Adoption (v. 15-16) - NOT a Spirit of Bondage leading to fear ... BUT a Spirit of Adoption leading to confidence!
- C. The **Magnitude** of Our Adoption (v. 16b-17; Galatians 4:4-7) - we are children of God ... we are heirs of God (joint-heirs with Christ!)
- D. The **Expectation** of Our Adoption (v. 18-25; Eph 1:11-14; 1 Cor 15:36-54) - we eagerly await the glory that we receive at the redemption of our body
 1. THE BONDAGE OF THE CREATION (v. 19-22) ... creation is awaiting the redemption!
 2. THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS (v. 23-25; Heb 3:6,14; Col 1:21-23; Romans 11:22-23; 2 Peter 1:5-11)

II. OUR INTERCESSION (v. 26-27)

- A. Our Need (weakness/infirmity ... cf. Romans 4:19; 6:19; 8:3; 14:1,2,21; Hebrews 4:14-16)
- B. God's Provision (cf. Romans 8:27, 34; 11:2; Heb 7:25) ... here the Holy Spirit; elsewhere Jesus!

III. OUR PREDESTINATION (v. 28-39)

A. Seen In God's P _____ Our Lives (v. 28-29)

1. THE S _____ ANCE OF THAT PURPOSE (cf. Rom 9:11; Eph 1:11; 3:11; 2 Tim 1:9; Phil 3:21; Rom 12:2; 1 Pt 1:14; Phil 2:5-8)
2. THE D _____ ANCE OF THAT PURPOSE (cf. Mt 22:36-38; Jn 14:21-24; Eph 6:24; I Jn 2:3; 4:19-20; 5:2-3)
3. THE S _____ ANCE OF THAT PURPOSE

B. Seen In God's P _____ Our Lives (v. 29-30)

1. HE FOREKNEW US (cf. Acts 2:23; 26:5; Romans 11:2; 1 Peter 1:1-2, 20; 2 Peter 3:17)
2. HE PREDESTINED US (cf. Acts 4:28; I Corinthians 2:7; Ephesians 1:5,11)
3. HE CALLED US (cf. Matthew 22:2-14; Mark 2:17; Luke 5:32; 7:39; 14:7-24; Romans 9:7,11,24-26; I Cor 1:9; 7:15-24; Gal 1:6,15; 5:8,13; Eph 4:1,4; I Thess 2:12, 4:7; 2 Thess 2:14; 2 Tim 1:9; I Peter 1:15, 2:9,21; 5:10; Revelation 19:9)
4. HE JUSTIFIED US (cf. Luke 18:10-14; Acts 13:38-39; Romans 3:20-4:8)
5. HE GLORIFIED US

C. Seen In God's P _____ Our Lives (v. 31-39)

1. DISPLAYED IN PAUL'S RHETORICAL Q _____ S (v. 31-35)
2. DISPLAYED IN PAUL'S RHETORICAL S _____ S (v. 36-39; I John 5:4)

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IS THERE A NEED TO REPENT (CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK) ABOUT THIS WARFARE?