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ROMANS 8:17,18

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Scripture has shown that you are a child of God. He has adopted you as His own, and this is evident to you by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Henceforth, you lovingly call your Heavenly Father “Abba, Daddy.”

TO BE AN HEIR—“The value of an inheritance is determined by the worth of the one who bequeaths it, and the inheritance of Christians is from the Creator, Sustainer, and Owner of the world.” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Romans 1-8, p. 444. (**Romans 8:17, Galatians 4:7, fn 4:5-7, John 14:1-4, fn 14:2, 3, I Peter 1:3-9, fn 1:4, John 1:1-3, fn 1:3**) *How does your earthly inheritance, given or received, compare with your heavenly inheritance?*

TO BE A JOINT HEIR—“God the Father has appointed Jesus Christ the ‘heir of all things’ (Hebrews 1:2), and because we are fellow heirs with Him, we are destined to receive all that He receives!.... We are justified by His grace [in order that] we might be made heirs...” MacArthur, p. 445. (**Romans 8:14-17, fn 8:14-17[2nd], Hebrews 1:2, Titus 3:7, fn 3:3-8, John 17:24, Ephesians 1:13, 14, fn 1:13,14**) *How are you, a child of God, be joint heirs with Jesus?*

FOR ULTIMATE GLORY—“The ultimate glory that Christians will receive is so stupendous that the sufferings of this present time are insignificant in comparison... They (you) look forward both to the resurrection of the body... and the new heaven and new earth...” ESV Study Bible, p. 2171, note for 8:18. (**Romans 8:18, fn 8:17, II Corinthians 4:16-5:10, fn 4:16, fn 4:18, Acts 5:41, 42, Revelation 21:1-4, fn 21:3, 4, I Peter 4:12-19, fn 4:16**) *How could knowing God’s Word and being filled (controlled) by the Holy Spirit help you endure suffering?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.