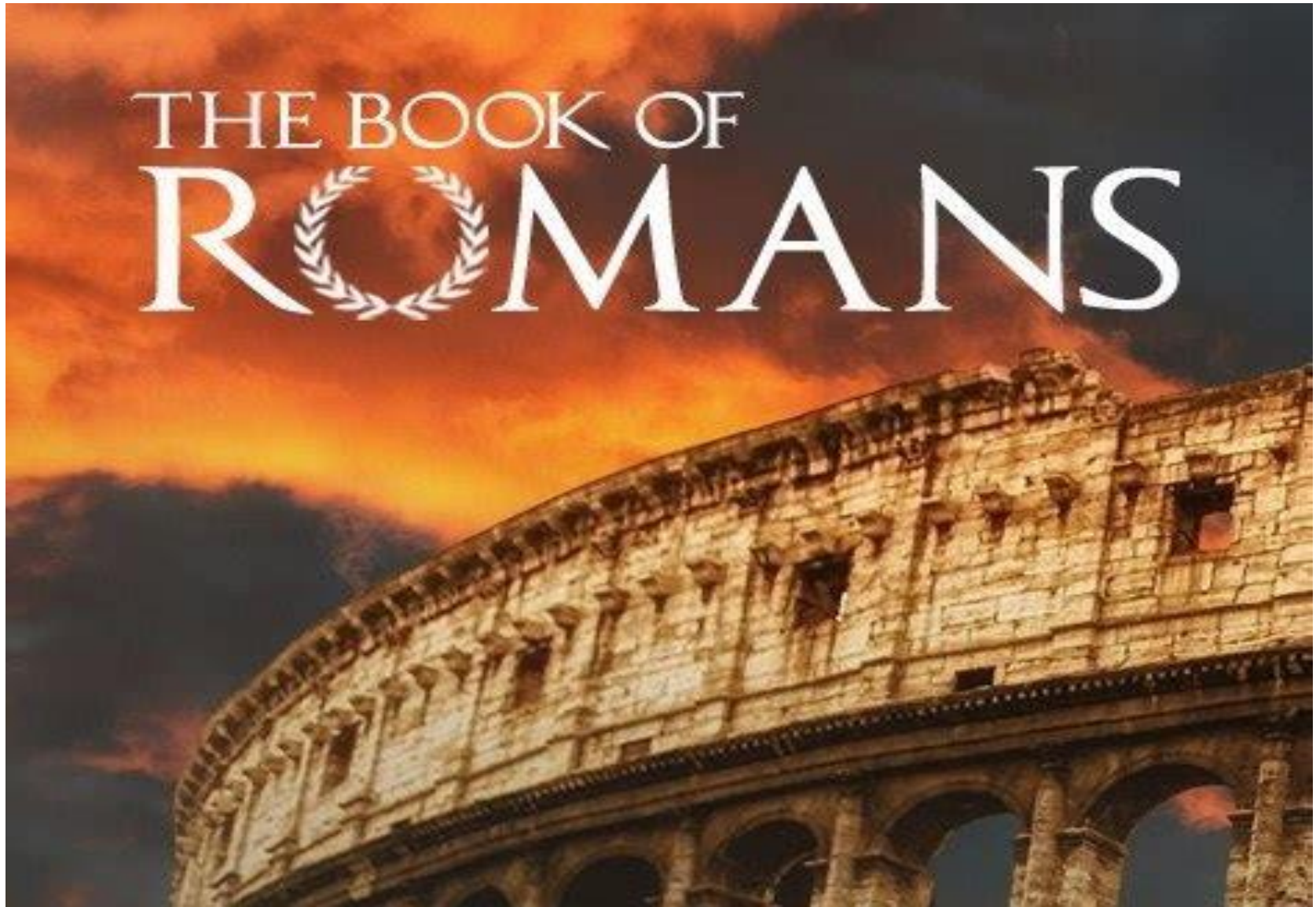


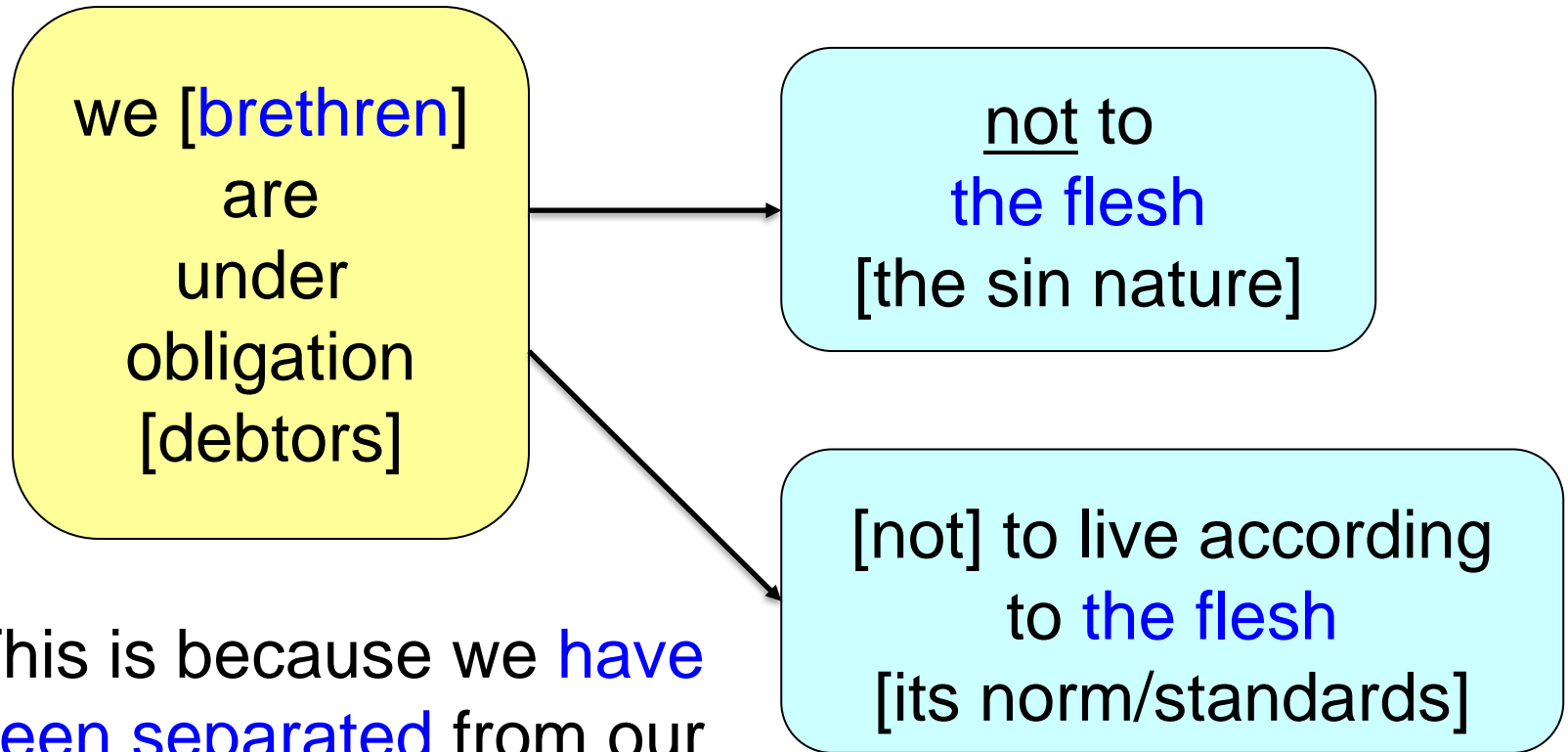
Rom 8:14-15 The Holy Spirit's Leading and Witnessing



¹² So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—



- so then - therefore
- brethren [members of the same family, fellowship of life]



- This is because we **have been separated** from our sin nature

Rom 6:11

¹³ for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.



for - indeed

if
[assumed true]
you are living

according to
the flesh

you must
die
[destined
to die]

temporal
spiritual
death

but – *alla* – strong contrast

if
[assumed true]
by the Spirit

you are
putting
to death
or to reckon
them dead

the deeds
of the body
or flesh

you
[brethren]
will live

Romans 8 Overview Revisit *



- The Spirit's liberating us from condemnation and the flesh [sin nature] - v:1-4
- The Spirit's incompatibility with the flesh - v:5-13
- The Spirit's leading and witness to us - v:12-17
- The Spirit's intercession as we await the glory that is to come - v:18-30
- Conclusion: Since God is for us who can be against us - v:31-38

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit to Believers*

Rom 8:14-17



- The leading of the sons of God
- The adoption of the sons of God
- The intimacy of the sons of God
- The confidence of the sons of God
- The heirship of the sons of God
- The glorification of the sons of God

* McCalley

Today's Verses



¹⁴ For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God,
these are sons of God.

for - *gar* - indeed

all who – *hosos* - meaning as many as, all who

are being led - *ágō* - to lead with a willingness
of those being led⁺ (present, indicative, passive)

- Gal 5:18 But if [assumed true] you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the Law. (passive voice)

by the Spirit of God

- no command to be led of the Spirit in New Testament*
- apart from this ministry [Holy Spirit's] none can follow the path of God's own choosing*
- not every saved person is led of the Spirit* *Chafer
- Next, what can we say about those who **are led**

we are receiving a leading: like a shepherd to his sheep

⁺ Merryman

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God,
these are sons of God.

called the brethren in v:12



these [the ones being led] are sons of God

are – *eimi* – the state in which someone continually exists
(present tense)

sons – *huios* - those whom God loves and cherishes as a
father [believers – men and women]

- That is, by the leading of the Spirit they are proved to be mature sons of God.*
- In the verses to come a distinction is drawn between the child of God [*teknon*] and the mature son [*huios*].*
- The implication being that not all Christians, though uniformly children of God, are manifesting the characteristics of those who have grown to maturity.*

* Chafer

¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"



for - *gar* - indeed

you have not received – this is the negative of *lambanō* – to receive what is given or imparted (aorist tense)

a spirit – refers to a disposition or attitude (e.g. the spirit of that man is wonderful) Wuest

of slavery - *douleia* – as of being a slave or in bondage

- lit: you have not received a disposition or attitude of slavery
- You cannot receive evil things from God!



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leading to fear again

leading to - *eis* - with [the] resulting

fear - the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge*

again – *palin* – this has occurred before (before salvation)

examples:

- Of that fallen condition of man himself which makes him **dread** God Vine
- Heb 2:15 and [He - Christ] might free those who through **fear of death** were subject to slavery all their lives.

* Prov 1:7



15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

but – *alla* – strong contrast

you have received – *lambanō* - to receive what is given or imparted (aorist tense)

- so this is an event in every believer's life at the moment of salvation
- first we had the negative [spirit of slavery], now we are given the positive work of the Spirit

a spirit – in context "the Spirit"

of adoption as sons - *huiiothesia* - from *huios*, "a son," and *thesis*, "a placing," lit: a son placing

- the Spirit has made us sons [*huios*] Merryman

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more on [a spirit of adoption as sons](#):*

- In the Roman family all children were looked upon as *teknon*
- There came a time when a father legally acknowledged his son to be his heir
- It was a public announcement where the son was given all legal rights to his father's inheritance
- [adoption as sons](#) in the New testament:
- It is the Holy Spirit who places the children of God into a legal standing before God as adult sons [*huios*]
- This means with all the legal rights of an heir
- But this is not realized until the 2nd advent of Jesus Christ

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verses on **a spirit of adoption as sons:**

- 19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for **the revealing of the sons of God.**
- 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for **our adoption as sons**, the redemption of our body.
- Gal 5:5 For we through the Spirit, by faith, **are waiting for the hope of righteousness.**

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Now we have a wonderful result of our adoption !

by which – this refers back to the the Spirit (Holy Spirit)

we cry out – *krazō* - loud proclamation of fact with emotion
(present tense)

- The indwelling Holy Spirit is the reason we can cry out to God in this way
- an onomatopoeia word – sounds like what it is !
- It is used of an inarticulate cry [our verse], cries from fear, cries from proclamation etc. edited Vine
- Matt 9:27b two blind men followed Him [Jesus], **crying out**, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"
- John 7:37b Jesus stood and **cried out**, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."

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- **Now we have the believer's cry [loud proclamation of fact with emotion] to God - Abba! Father!**
- **Abba** is an Aramaic word for Father
- **Father** is *pater* in the Greek language
- Paul used the Aramaic as well as the Greek term to highlight the intimate relationship we have*
- Christ used **Abba Father** in His prayer in Gethsemane:
- Mark 14:36 And He was saying, "**Abba! Father!** All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will."
- Two paraphrases of **Abba! Father!**: Father, my Father and My Father, my own dear Father* * Constable

Final Thoughts*



- We have sought in vain for some simple English expression to set forth the Greek word so poorly rendered “adoption.”
- This word is *huio-thesia*: from, *huios*, “son come of age”; and *thesia*, a placing, or setting a person or thing in its place.
- God’s children are begotten and born of God, and are called *teknon*, “born-ones,” of God.
- Thus are they directly related to God, “partakers of the Divine nature”
- But the word *huios* means, a child come of age; no longer “as a servant”
- This will be consummated fully at the coming of Christ, when our bodies, redeemed, and fashioned anew, shall be conformed to Christ’s glorious body.
- Meanwhile, because we are already adult sons (*huios*), God has given us a spirit of adult-sonship!

* Newell

