

# THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

Rom. 8:16-28

Pt. 11

1. Before God could give us our “sonship” truth in Rom. 8:14-17, first we had to be given all the riches of His truth in the first 8 chapters of Romans.
2. God gives this “sonship” truth here because He has another body of truth that required our prior appreciation of being adult sons and daughters in the family of God.
3. The next divinely revealed truth in Romans is that this sonship service is going to begin in the context of Suffering after which it will be manifested in the context of Glory. (Rom. 8:16b-28).

4. Lest we panic, Paul explains how the Spirit, bearing witness with his spirit, using His Scriptures, taught him to handle this truth regarding the Father's purpose, which as adult children we recognize is the best plan possible.
  - a. The Spirit taught him to think or “reckon” about it in this way: the temporary suffering of the present time is insignificant when compared to the eternal glory that will be revealed in us (8:18)—Divine Perspective.
  - b. In fact, it is not just us, but the whole creation awaits the full manifestation of the sons of God when God will restore the whole creation/universe (8:19; Rom. 1:20).

5. Paul takes us back to the days of the Flood (Rom. 8:18-19):  
The fallen “sons of God” (Satan’s angels) intermingled with the fallen daughters of Adam (the son of God) (Gen. 5:1; Lk. 3:38) resulting in the “un-creation” of creation in the Flood and suffering has remained ever since (Gen. 6:1-4; Job 1:6).
  
6. In Rom. 8, the “sons of God” are no longer rebellious angels and sons and daughters of Adam, but believers created anew in Christ Jesus, who are brought into God’s household via the Spirit’s adoption of sonship.

7. It will be through His Sons and Daughters that He will re-establish His Glory throughout the whole universe (Eph. 1:10).
  - a. Since the beginning of the world, God has spoken about how He will re-establish His Glory on the Earth through the Nation of Israel (Acts 3:18-26).
  - b. But what He had kept secret since the beginning of the world—His Mystery--was how He would re-establish His Glory in the Heavens through the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:9; 2:4-7; 3:1-10)
  - c. Creation is yearning for ultimate outcome. (Rom. 8:19)

8. Next Paul takes us back to the Fall (Rom. 8:20-21): Through the falls of Satan in the Heavens and Adam on Earth, the whole creation has been subjected to vanity
  - a. God subjected creation to vanity rather than completely destroying it, because He wanted to re-create the new universe through the instruments of two new groups of the “sons of God” (Israel and Body of Christ), who have ***freely*** chosen Him in faith, counteracting fallen humanity’s rejection of Him in unbelief (Rom. 1:18).
  - b. These are His great two Purposes
    1. The Body of Christ for the Heavens. (Rom. 8:28; Eph. 1:11; 3:11)
    2. The Nation of Israel for the Earth. (Eph. 1:10-11)

9. God has put creation under vanity not forever, but in Hope, until all things were put under Christ:
  - a. In relation to His Prophetic Program for the Nation of Israel (Heb. 2:5-8—oikoumene—inhabited earth)
  - b. In relation to the Body of Christ (Rom. 8:20; Eph. 1:20-22—heavenly places).
  
10. When this is fulfilled, the Heavens and the Earth, the universe, the whole creation, will be brought into the deliverance of the sons and daughters of God, who will reign over them, re-establishing God's Glory in making them.