



# GRACE-POWERED LIVING

## A Study of the Book of ROMANS

**BIRTHMARKS OF THE BELIEVER**  
Romans 8:12-17

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**Introduction:** Romans 8 – a favorite chapter of the Bible for many – assures every true believer that he will never experience condemnation or separation from God. But how does someone know whether he is a genuine Christian? In our passage today, Paul explains three “birthmarks” of every true child of God.

Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.”

Romans 8:12-13 “<sup>12</sup> So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – <sup>13</sup> 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.”

### I. Inward Power (Romans 8:14)

Romans 8:14 “For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

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### II. Intimate Relationship (Romans 8:15-16)

#### A. Adoption (Romans 8:15)

Romans 8:15 "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!'"

#### B. "Abba" (Romans 8:15-16)

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Romans 8:16 "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,"

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### III. Inherited Wealth (Romans 8:17)

Romans 8:17 “and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him”

1 Peter 2:21 “For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,”

1 Peter 4:12-13 “<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; <sup>13</sup> but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.”

Conclusion