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- We no longer live according to the flesh
- We are led by the Spirit
- We put to death the deeds of the body

- We have not received a spirit of slavery to sin)
- We received the spirit of adoption (see Galatians 4:1-7)
- We are children of Abba Father

- The “sufferings of this present time” point us to the ultimate glory we will one day receive. (see 2 Corinthians 4:16-18).
- The anticipation of God’s new heaven and new earth doesn’t even compare with the reality of its glory.

Kingdom-minded followers of Jesus enjoy the new life of the indwelling Holy Spirit now and anticipate their future inheritance of glory and eternal joy.

Questions for Personal Study or Group Discussion

Open

- Do you know someone who received a large inheritance from the estate of a family member? Did it change their life? Did they splurge or did they “sock it away” for the future?

Read

- Romans 8:12-18

Observe

- Since we are not set right with God by doing good works, what is the motive for changing our lives?
- How are we told to deal with our sin? How are we to deal with our sinful nature (vv. 13-14; also Romans 6:13, 19)?
- What does Paul mean by being “led by the spirit?” How does he say that is to be shown?
- Why does Paul say that we are heirs? What is our inheritance?

Apply

- Paul says that all who are led by the Spirit are sons of God. In what sense does he use the word “sons? What does that mean to you personally?
- What were the “present sufferings” that Paul experienced as he wrote this letter (v.17)? What does he mean by “the glory to come?”

Prayer

Abba Father, you have taken “street urchins” like me and made us your favored children. You have given us the promise of an inheritance rather than eternal separation from your love. I can only stand with my brothers and sisters in wonder and gratefulness for the gift of your Son and the promise of your eternal kingdom. Amen.