



JULY THEME



Week Three – Freedom to be loved as God's Child

Monday ~ READ

READ Romans 8:14-16 and 35-39 in 3 different translations or paraphrases. Choose one as your preferred.

*www.Biblegateway.com is a great place to view varied translations and paraphrases of Scripture

Tuesday ~ COPY

COPY Romans 8:14-16 and 35-39 in your preferred translation or paraphrase.

Wednesday ~ PONDER

PONDER Romans 8:14-16 and 35-39 using the following prompts...

- **Verses 14-15** - Because we are not condemned to the "*law of sin and death*," but now live according to the "*law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus*," we get to experience the freedom of being God's child! Verse 15 contrasts what we were, "*slaves*," to what we are now, "*children of God*." Make a list of the differences between a slave who serves in a family, compared to a loved child in that family.
- **Verse 15** – What kind of fears might a slave have? What kind of privileges might a loved child have?
- **Verse 15** – The word "*adoption*" conveys a great love. Ponder the dynamics that might accompany a parent adopting a child. How do these dynamics convey a great love? Journal your thoughts.
- **Verse 16** – Ponder verse 16 alongside verse 11, making note of how the change from slave to child takes place in our hearts. Journal your thoughts.
- **Verses 35-39** – These verses describe the love which we now freely live in as God's children. Read these rich words as a slave might read them with longing, and then read them again as a child might read them with knowing. After doing so, respond to your Father.

Thursday ~ PRAY

PRAY into the freedom that Romans 8:14-16 and 35-39 reveal. Use the following prompts to do so:

- **PRAISE and THANK** God that you are no longer bound in slavery, but that you are His loved child
- **EXPRESS** your gratefulness specifically to God for the freedoms you have as His child by using some of the lists you made in our Ponder section.
- **TALK** to God about the things that threaten to separate you from His love, and **ASK** the Holy Spirit to bear witness in your heart that nothing will.
- **DECLARE** your trust in the freedom of God's eternal love for you by reading verses 38-39 out loud to your Father, affirming its Truths in your heart.
- **PRAY** for someone you know who is still in slavery, and **ASK** God to draw them into adoption as His child.

Friday ~ LISTEN

LISTEN to a message on Romans 8:14-16 and 35-39 on our YouTube Channel, *Established Footsteps Ministry*.

*The video will be posted by Friday and the link will be sent to you via email.

Saturday ~ SHARE

SHARE Romans 8:14-16 and 35-39 with a friend who needs to be encouraged.