

**Blessed assurance and awesome inheritance.**

Not only have we been adopted into the family of God as his children, but we are given a precious assurance of that fact in our hearts every day.

*Rom 8: 16, 17: The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

God's children have fellowship with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit spends time with us. He testifies that we are God's children. He leads us and teaches us all we need to know about how to live for God. God's Spirit will speak to your heart. He will show you things. He will guide you. He will warn you. He will lead you. He will feed you. He will comfort you. He will teach you the truth. Like a mother who wraps her arms around her child everyday, expressing her love, the Spirit of God does the same for us.

But our adoption as children of God does even more. The Bible says we now are wealthy beyond measure.

We have been made the heirs of God. And will anyone dispute the fact that our heavenly Father is wealthy beyond measure? God is able to meet our needs no matter how great they may appear to be. What he has belongs to us now, and eternally.

Not only are we the heirs of God, but we have been made joint-heirs with Jesus. Yes, we do share in his sufferings while we are here on this earth. But we also are given an equal share with Jesus of the wealth of our Father. Under Jewish Law, the eldest son would be given a double portion of the father's wealth. However, under Roman law, all sons were treated equally. In God's kingdom, we have been placed on the same footing with Jesus. No, we will never be like him: God's eternal divine Son, - but we have been made like him in the Father's eyes! How glorious is the gospel!

The fullness of our inheritance will not be seen until we arrive at home in our Father's house. But when we go to heaven, we will see just how rich we are and were. One look around there, will tell the tale forever.

Why not bring your needs to your Father, who owns everything, and has given it all to you! Draw on your inheritance in Christ. We are a blessed people and we do not have to live as depraved slaves of sin, but as grateful and blessed children in the presence of God. Speak to your Father now of your neediness and insecurities. Allow the Spirit to show you the wealth of assurance of being God's child!