

Christians are..... Romans 8:12-17

1. Christians are not to live in the flesh (12-13a)

- A. So then or therefore connects to the previous verses
- B. Not obligated to the flesh
- C. Feed the flesh and you will follow the flesh and die.

“The Devil specializes in attacking the Christian’s flesh”

2. Christians are called to live through the Spirit (13b)

- A. We have a decision to make
 - 1. Flesh
 - 2. Spirit
- B. If we live by the Spirit, we put to death the deeds of the flesh and live.
- C. Before Christ, we were dead in our sins but, in Christ we live.
- D. I discipline my body and keep it under control. 1 Cor. 9:27

“When we have the Holy Spirit, we have all that is needed to be all that God desires us to be.” A.W. Tozer

3. Christians are children of God (14-15)

- A. Sons and daughters of God (For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ. Gal. 3:26)
- B. Led by the Spirit is like a shepherd leading their sheep.
- C. Adoption
 - 1. We have been adopted not enslaved
 - 2. All rights as a natural born child
 - 3. Abba Father

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Gal. 4:4-5

4. Christians are going to be glorified with Christ (16-17)

- A. The Holy Spirit, along with our spirit, testifies we belong to Him.
- B. God’s children - “Children of God, you cost Christ too much for Him to forget you” - Charles Spurgeon
- C. Since we are children of God, we are also heirs and co-heirs with Christ
- D. We must go through this life of suffering so that we will be glorified with Him.

Don’t forget Christian, to live in the Spirit because you are a child of the King with a glorious inheritance through Christ.