

I'm in the Family

Romans 8:15-18 (KJV) - ¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Giving Honor to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To All of God's sons, daughters, and children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. As we take a look at the New Testament text Romans 8:15-18, I'd like to share from the subject "I'm in the Family."

The scripture lesson allows us to see the blessings of being a part of the body of Christ. In fact, we are children of God, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. My brothers and sisters you are in the family of God. I'd like to share several points that will aid us in our journey as members of the body of Christ.

- **Study the Word of God** – The word brings you life and builds you up.

2 Timothy 3:16 shares "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof (*to scold or correct*), for correction, for instruction in righteousness: *Romans 3:23-All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 6:23 – The Wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. I'm in the Family!!!*

- **Be mindful of the words that you speak** – There is power in your words.

Ephesians 4:29 - Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. *Proverbs 18:21- Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.* It's time to clean up our language and our attitude. Why? Because... **I'm in the Family!!!**

- **You live Under God's Grace** – The Lord is our Strong Tower.

Romans 6:14- For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not

under the law, but under grace. The Apostle Paul had to remind them that they were no longer slaves to sin. Every now and then we need to be reminded that we live under God's Grace. His grace and mercy brought us through, and Praise be to God. We are ***In the Family!!!***

- Fight the Good Fight – Don't focus on the problem, but look to the problem solver (Jesus Christ).

1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV) says "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the *good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*" ***You're in the Family. I'm in the Family!!! Praise God; We are in the Family!!!***

In closing,

When you are in the family you can stand on the Word of God. The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. (Deut. 28:13) Paul said, I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. In other words, you might go through some trials every now and then, but they can't compare to the glory He will give us later. All creation is waiting patiently and hopefully for that future day when God will resurrect His children. ²⁰⁻²¹ For on that day thorns and thistles, sin, death, and decay—the things that overcame the world against its will at God's command—will all disappear, and the world around us will share in the glorious freedom from sin which God's children enjoy. I've had some good days; I've had some hills to climb. I've had some stormy days and some sleepless nights. Oh, but when I look around and I think things over. All of my good days, they outweigh my bad days, and I won't complain!!! ***I'm in the Family!!! In Jesus Name. Amen.***