

Sunday School Live

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December 28, 2025

Title: The Holy Spirit

Devotional Reading: Ephesians 3:14–21

Background: Acts 2:1–33; 1 Corinthians 12:1–13

Lesson Text: Romans 8:12–17, 26–27

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CONTEXT SUMMARY

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- 1. Romans 6–8 is Paul’s rebuttal against false teaching of the gospel message he has been preaching.**
- 2. Followers of Christ cannot continue in a life of sin.**
- 3. Believers receive the gift of the Holy Spirit upon their acceptance of Christ.**

Ref: 1 (Romans 6:6-11) Ref: 2 Romans 5:5

Today's Objectives

- 1. Trusting the Holy Spirit's witness about believers standing before God.**
- 2. Describe the Holy Spirit's work as an "advocate" in the lives of believers.**
- 3. Transition from living in fear and start living in confidence daily as God's Spirit-led children.**

LESSON OUTLINES

- 1. Flesh and Spirit (Romans 8:12–14)**
- 2. God's Children (Romans 8:15–17)**
- 3. Helped by the Spirit (Romans 8:26–27)**
- 4. Conclusion: A. God's Real Children B. Prayer
C. Something to Remember**

MEMORY VERSE

Romans 8:16

16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

ROMANS 8:12-13 NIV

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12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.

13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

PAULS REFERENCE

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<i>Sense</i>	Positive	Neutral	Negative
<i>Flesh</i>	Galatians 2:20	1 Corinthians 15:39	Ephesians 2:3
<i>Body</i>	Romans 7:4	Romans 6:12	Romans 8:13
<i>World</i>	Romans 1:20	Romans 1:8	Colossians 2:20

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Why does Paul emphasize adoption rather than servanthood?
2. How does the Spirit's intercession comfort believers in suffering?
3. What does it mean that God works all things together for good?

ROMANS 8:14-15 NIV

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*”

ROMANS 8:16 - 17 NIV

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¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

¹⁷ 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.

ROMANS 8:26 NIV

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²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

ROMANS 8:27 NIV 

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27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God

ROMANS 8:28 NIV

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²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

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- 1. How should our lives look different, knowing we are children of God?**
- 2. What does it mean to share in Christ's sufferings?**
- 3. What does it feel like to know that you are no longer bound to fear?**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

- 1. Adoption highlights intimacy, permanence, and inheritance rather than obligation alone.**
- 2. It assures believers that God understands the deepest needs and prays on their behalf.**
- 3. It affirms God's sovereign purpose, even when circumstances appear painful or unclear.**

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. Being a child of God has requirements and rewards.**
- 2. God makes us joint heirs with Christ.**
- 3. Adoption into God's family is not a legal fiction but a spiritual reality.**
- 4. We are never alone or inferior in God's eyes.**

LIFE APPLICATION

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- A. Share God's love with others invite them to Christ.**
- B. Believers in Christ achieve overwhelming victory over trials through His love. Share your testimony.**
- C. Submit to God's will the Holy Spirit is in you.**

**REPENT RECOMMIT SEEK THE LORD BE ENCOURAGED
WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS IN CHRIST!**



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NEXT WEEK

Sunday January 4, 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lesson Title: Sin and Forgiveness

Lesson Text: 1 John 1:5–10