

You Asked For it:
The Better Question

I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.
1 John 5:13 (NLT)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.
Romans 8:1-4 (NLT)

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.
Romans 8:15-17 (NLT)

- THE HOLY SPIRIT TESTIFIES THROUGH NEW _____.
- THE SPIRIT TESTIFIES THROUGH OUR NEW _____.

Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous.⁸ But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.⁹ Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God.¹⁰ So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil.
1 John 3:7-10 (NLT)

- THE SPIRIT TESTIFIES THROUGH OUR NEW _____.

He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

Romans 8:4 (NLT)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Romans 8:14 (NLT)

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.³⁰ And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself.

And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

Romans 8:29-30 (NLT)

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself.³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

³⁵ *Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?*

(As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.")³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

³⁸ *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[a] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:31-39 (NLT)