



## SONS AND HEIRS

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In this study we are focussing on Romans 8:17. In verse 14 Paul introduced an idea that's new to his letter: the idea that everyone who is in Christ is a child of God, with all the rights and privileges that belong to a natural child. These verses develop that idea by pointing out that as children we are also heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

◆ What does Paul mean us to understand when He says we are heirs?

◆ What does it mean to inherit the earth?

◆ In what sense can we say that God Himself is our inheritance?

◆ Why must we have new bodies to be able to enjoy our inheritance?

- ◆ In the second part of verse 17 Paul writes about suffering that we must endure. What kind of suffering does he have in mind?
  
- ◆ What does it mean to suffer with Christ?
  
- ◆ Why is it necessary that every child of God should suffer?
  
- ◆ How has this verse changed the way you think about the hardships of your life?