

ADOPTED OUTLINE

PRIMARY TEXT:

Romans 8:9-17

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life^[a] because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of^[b] his Spirit who lives in you. 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. 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.^[c] And by him we cry, “Abba,^[d] Father.” 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.

I. GOD OFFERS US _____

Heaven is at its essence relational. We get to enjoy God and we get to enjoy His family forever.

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

II. GOD OFFERS US _____

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet^[a] no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end

Job 19:25-27 I know that my redeemer^[a] lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.^[b] ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet^[c] in^[d] my flesh I will see God

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Revelation 21:4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death^[a] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Ecclesiastes 7:1. . . .and the day of death better than the day of birth

I love how C. S. Lewis ended his Narnia series. He said, " It was only the beginning of the real story. . . now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story, which no one on earth has read, which goes on forever ,in which every chapter is better than the one before."

(This We Believe, 320)

CONCLUSION:

Do you have a relationship with God?

Are you sure you are going to heaven?