

A wooden boardwalk made of parallel planks extends from the foreground towards the horizon. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset, with some light clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

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The Concept

- ✧ Context (*Romans 7, 8*) – Freedom from the bondage of sin and death.
- ✧ Debtor to live according to the spirit – (*vv. 12-13*) – not indebted to return to bondage and death.
- ✧ Sons of God – (*v. 14*)
- ✧ Contrast of spirits (dispositions) (*v. 15*):
 - ✧ **Bondage to fear** – *Romans 7:21-24* – sin and death.
 - ✧ **Adoption** – as His children who do not shrink in fear but call on Him as Father.

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The Proof (v. 16)

- ✦ Holy Spirit instructs – *Romans 8:2* – “*law of the Spirit*”
- ✦ We willingly obey as sons – *Romans 8:15*
- ✦ Both bear witness together that we are indeed God’s children.

The Blessing (v. 17) – heirs of glory.

THE BLESSINGS AND SPIRIT OF ADOPTION

Identity with the Father

Romans 9:25-26; Ephesians 1:3-6

Wisdom of the Father

1 Corinthians 2:9-16; 2 Peter 1:3

Attention of the Father

Psalms 8:3-4; Luke 12:6-7

Protection of the Father

John 10:27-30; Romans 8:38-39

Provision of the Father

Matthew 7:7-11; 6:25-34

Inheritance of the Father

Romans 8:16-17; 1 Peter 1:3-4

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