

“A Family Portrait (A Child in God’s Family)”

Sunday, January 16, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Romans 8:12-17

BIG IDEA: God’s children bear the family likeness.

“The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God’s children, and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.”

Romans 8:16, 17 (CSB)



ENTERING the Family.

- **Our two spiritual PARENTS.**
 - **The WORD.**

 - **The SPIRIT.**

- **Our spiritual “LABOR & DELIVERY”.**
 - **Our “BIRTHMARKS”.**

 - **Our “BIRTH CERTIFICATES”.**



ENJOYING the Family.

- **Enjoy the Family FREEDOM.**

- **Enjoy the Family FOOD.**

- **Enjoy the Family FORTUNE.**

- **Enjoy the Family FELLOWSHIP.**

- **Enjoy the Family FUTURE.**



ENLARGING the Family.

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READ: Romans 8:12-17

THINK: As you reflect on the imagery of being a child in God’s Family, ask yourself these questions: *What do you expect to inherit from your parents or grandparents? What do you expect to pass along to your children and/or grandchildren? How would you describe your current status with your spiritual parents, the WORD and the SPIRIT? Of the “Birthmarks” mentioned in today’s message, which are the most prominent in your life now and which ones need to show up more? How would you describe the witness of the WORD & SPIRIT in your life that you are indeed a child of God? Which of the many “benefits” of being in God’s Family do you most enjoy at this stage of life? How are you best expressing fellowship among The Family today? What are you doing to enlarge the Family?*

DO: Share with others what it means to you that you are not a SLAVE, but rather a CHILD OF GOD. Identify one other person God may intend for you to introduce to His Family.