

UNNATURAL

SUPERNATURAL LIVING
IN A NATURAL WORLD

ROMANS 8:14-16 [NLT]

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[* all verses in NLT unless otherwise noted]

BIG IDEA

When you received God's Spirit, it completely **transformed** the way you _____ him.

When you receive God's Spirit, he makes you his own _____ child.

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John 1:12
2 Corinthians 6:17
Galatians 3:26
Galatians 4:5-7
Hebrews 12:7-9
1 John 3:1

3 Privileges Of Calling God Our 'Father'

15 ...Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

1. We get to enjoy our _____.

2. We get to express our _____.

15 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**.

Matthew 6:9-13

2 Approaches

1. We approach God like his SLAVE when it's based in our _____.

2. We approach God like his CHILD when it's based in our _____.

Luke 15: 11-32

3. We get to rest in our _____.

16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

Here is the difference between a spirit of slavery and the spirit of sonship:

A slave	A son
Obeys under compulsion, because they have to	Obeys out of love for and joy in "Daddy"
Works under threat of pain or loss; punishment "pays back"	Discipline is not retribution, but loving instruction
Insecurity: If I slip up, my master might beat me	Security: If I slip up, my father will forgive me
Concentration on external behavior and compliance with rules	Concentration on relationship and attitudes
Has to work, but is given no honor	Is honored, and invited to join the work