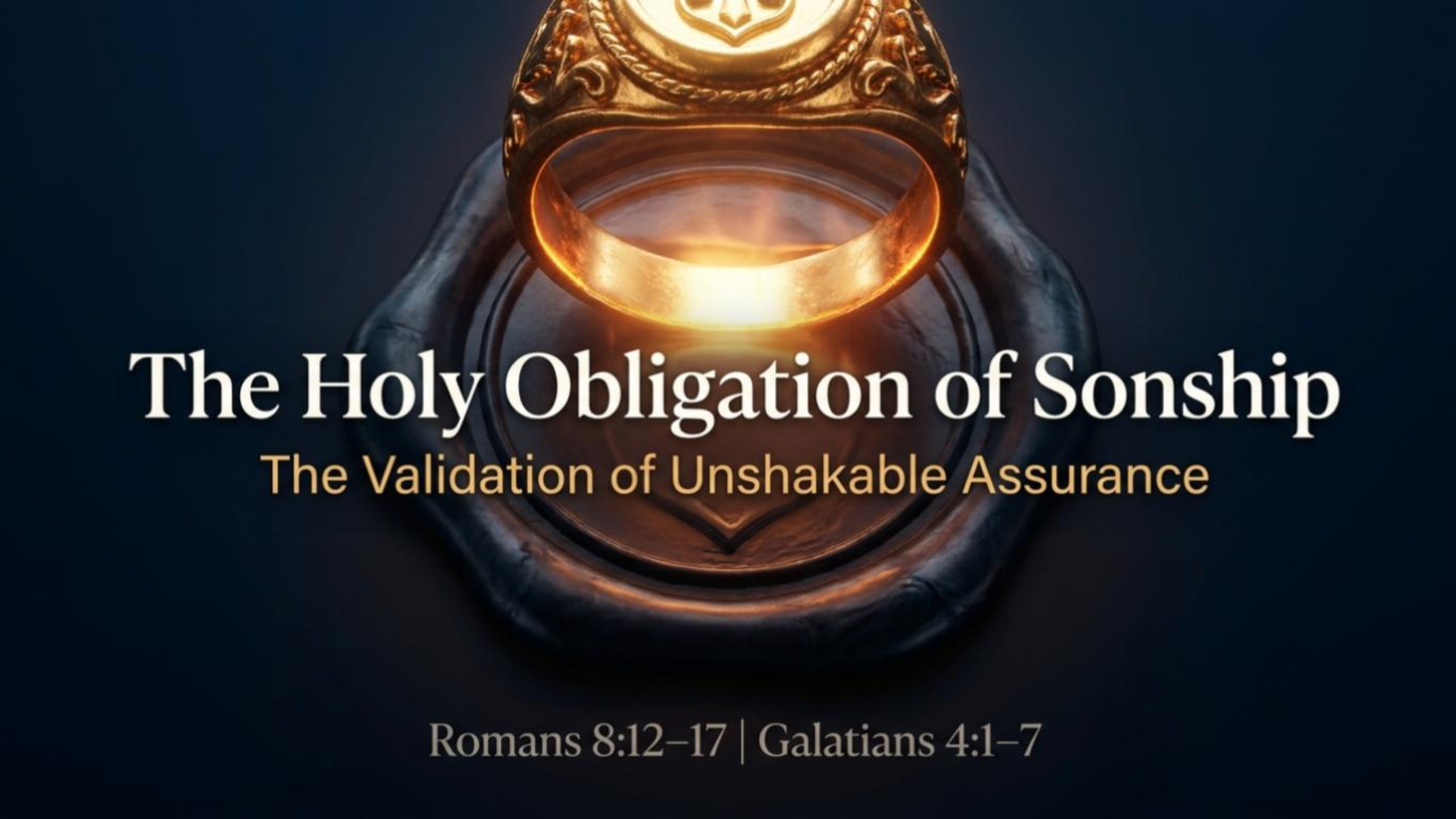




UNSHAKEABLE

Romans 8



The Holy Obligation of Sonship

The Validation of Unshakable Assurance

Romans 8:12–17 | Galatians 4:1–7

FAKE



REAL



A close-up photograph of several brass gears of different sizes, some with screws. A bright light beam from the top left illuminates the scene, creating a dramatic effect with strong highlights and deep shadows. The gears are arranged in a complex, overlapping pattern, suggesting a mechanical or intricate process.

Is the Gift Genuine?

If you are handed a priceless gift you did not purchase, how do you verify its authenticity? We require a diagnostic test for the most valuable gift of all: our eternal salvation.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

— Romans 8:1

Three Hallmarks of Spiritual Authenticity

Paul offers three undeniable pieces of evidence that a person is no longer under condemnation.



1. Freedom from Sin's
Controlling Power



2. The Indwelling
of the Holy Spirit



**3. The Joyful Embrace
of a Holy Obligation**


1. Holy Obligation

Romans 8:12-13

Proof I: A Holy Obligation

We are no longer debtors to the flesh, living under an impending sentence of death.

True assurance begins with a new capacity: the power to put to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit.



Mortification —
The joyful, consistent repudiation of sinful impulses.

2. Stunning Revelation

Romans 8:14, 17

Proof II: A Stunning Revelation

To be led by the Spirit is to be given an entirely new identity. The Spirit does not just change our behavior; **He changes our bloodline.**

Sons of God

Given the status and standing of the King's children.

Heirs of God

Joint-heirs with Christ, destined to co-rule and inherit all authority, power, and glory.

The Logical Chain of Divine Identity

Led by the Spirit

(Continuous mortification)

Sons of God

(Confirmed identity)

Heirs of God

(Future destination)

To be led by the Spirit is a present-tense, continuous reality driven by a power external to us. Unsaved people never live this way. When you see this external power producing consistent holiness, it guarantees a specific identity and an ultimate destination.

3. Comforting Affirmation

Romans 8:15-17a

Proof III: A Comforting Affirmation

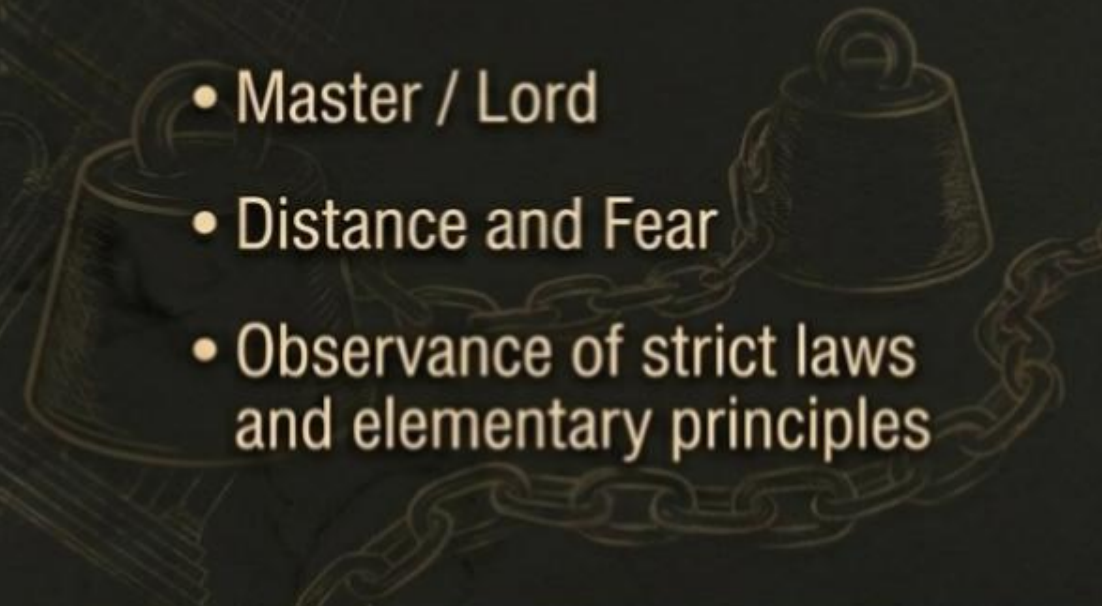
The Spirit completely changes our relationship to God from a chosen servant under the Law to a beloved child under Grace.



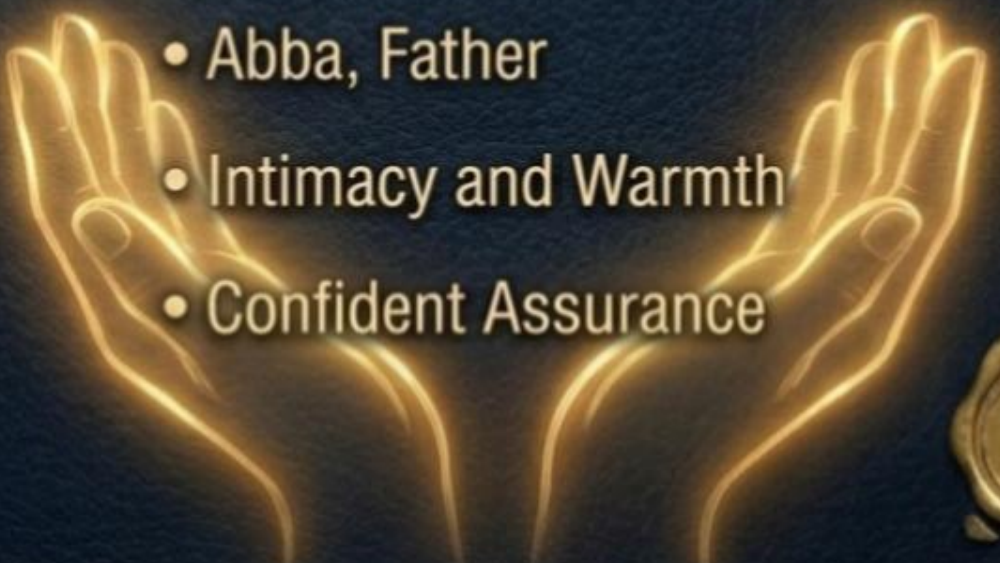
The Shift from Slavery to Sonship

The Spirit completely alters our relationship to God, allowing us to cry out with intense conviction to a Father.

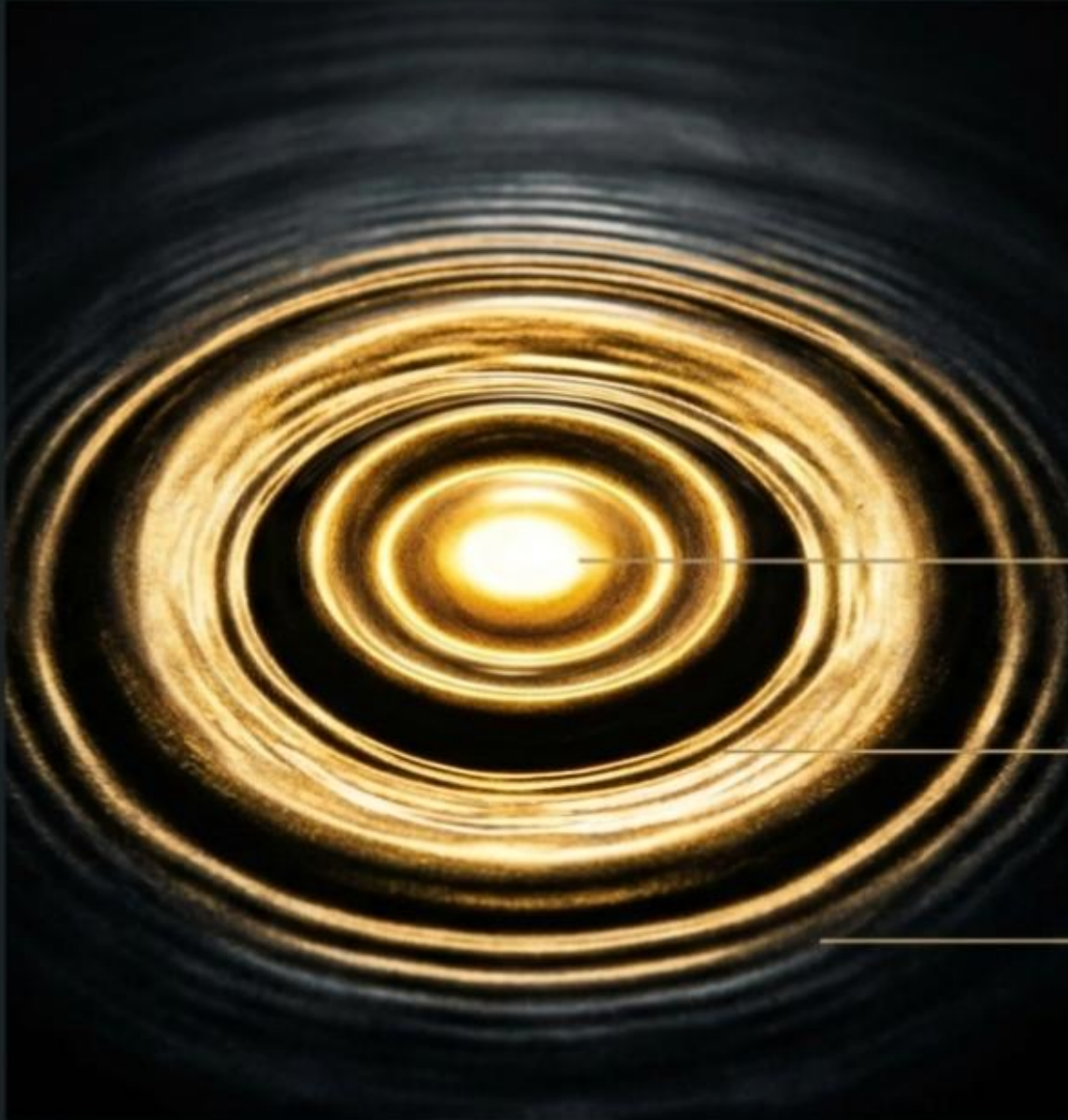
The Spirit of Slavery

- Master / Lord
 - Distance and Fear
 - Observance of strict laws and elementary principles
- 
- A faint, golden illustration of a padlock and a chain is visible in the background of the 'The Spirit of Slavery' section.

The Spirit of Adoption

- Abba, Father
 - Intimacy and Warmth
 - Confident Assurance
- 
- A glowing, golden illustration of two hands held out in a gesture of offering or acceptance is visible in the background of the 'The Spirit of Adoption' section.





The Internal Witness

When our feelings fail and God feels distant, the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit.

He empowers our fight against the flesh.

He advocates and fights in our place.

He lavishly pours God's love into our fearful hearts.

The Journey of Adoption (Uiothesia)

Present
Childhood

The Waiting
Period

Full
Sonship

Present Childhood

We possess the title, the rights, and the down payment of the Spirit, but live under the effects of the curse.

The Waiting Period

Living with the title but awaiting the full exercise of authority.

Full Sonship

The formal ceremony of adoption realized: a glorified body and total inheritance.

4. Surprising Confirmation

Romans 8:17b



Proof IV: A Surprising Confirmation

Suffering is not evidence of God's absence. It is the definitive proof of our union with Christ.

If we are to receive the exact same glory and authority promised to the Son, we must experience the exact same reliance on the Spirit through earthly suffering, silence, and opposition.

"...provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him."

— Romans 8:17b

Unshakable Assurance

The Maker's Mark guarantees the final outcome.
In our present suffering, the Spirit provides the ultimate comfort.

We have the assurance of not just
No Condemnation,
but **No Separation.**



UNSHAKEABLE

Romans 8