



**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**The Holy Spirit brings assurance to God's children**

**1. The Spirit makes us sons of God (Romans 8:14-16)**

**2. The Spirit makes us co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17)**

**3. The Spirit makes us overflow with hope (Romans 5:1-5; 15:13)**

## Reflections for our prayer and fasting week

When have you appreciated receiving some assurance/reassurance recently?

Read Romans 8:14-17.

### **1. The Spirit makes us sons of God**

Why are stories about children being adopted (e.g. Annie, Matilda) so popular?

What are some of the amazing promises in verse 15 about being a child of God?

Can you remember occasions where the Holy Spirit has testified with your spirit (i.e. assured you) that you are God's child (v.16)?

### **2. The Spirit makes us co-heirs with Christ**

What doubts do you have about the strength of God's love for you?

How is Romans 8:17 an astounding promise from God to Christians?

What might help the wonderful truth that God loves you as much as He loves Jesus (see John 17:23) sink in and convince you that God will never short change you?

### **3. The Spirit makes us overflow with hope**

Read Romans 5:1-5.

What hope are we to boast in (v.2)?

Why does glory and hope come through suffering (v.3-4)?

Why does hope not put us to shame (v.5)?

Do you think it is possible to "overflow" with hope this year (Romans 15:13)?  
What is your prayer for the year ahead?