Title: It's Not Over 'till It's Over

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## One purpose for all

#### 1 Chronicles 28

<sup>1</sup>Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel: the officers of the tribes and the captains of the divisions who served the king, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officials, the valiant men, and all the mighty men of valor. <sup>2</sup> Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it. <sup>3</sup> "But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.'

## First a son, then a builder

#### 1 Chronicles 28

<sup>4</sup> "However the LORD God of Israel chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make me king over all Israel. <sup>5</sup>"And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. <sup>6</sup>"Now He said to me, `It is your son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father.

## The real you

#### Romans 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live after the flesh, you shall die: but if you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live. <sup>14</sup>For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

## An earthly picture: adoption

In Roman culture greatest law: Patria potestas

# Adoption involved two steps:

- 1. Mancipatio: emancipation
  - Symbolic act of buying the child (three times)
- 2. *Vindicatio*: vindication
  - Settled in court of law
  - Witnessed by seven witnesses

## Mancipatio: emancipation

#### Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, <sup>5</sup>To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. <sup>7</sup>Therefore you are no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.



#### vindicatio: vindication

#### 2 corinthians 5:21

<sup>21</sup>For he has made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

## **Defended by the Holy Spirit as witness**

## Romans 8:15-16

<sup>15</sup>For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. <sup>16</sup>The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

## A new inheritance

#### Romans 8:12-17

<sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: <sup>17</sup>And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

#### **Built to last**

#### 1 Chronicles 28

<sup>7</sup>Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day. <sup>8</sup>Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever.

#### Free service

## 1 Chronicles 28

<sup>9</sup>"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. <sup>10</sup>"Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it."

## A new covenant

## Hebrews 10:15-17

<sup>15</sup>the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, <sup>16</sup>This *[is]* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; <sup>17</sup>And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

#### Free to serve

#### Romans 8:2

<sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

## **Psalms 2:7-8**

<sup>7</sup>I will declare the decree: the LORD has said unto me, You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. <sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I shall give you the nations as an inheritance...

#### Strength to finish strong

### 1 Chronicles 28

<sup>19</sup>"All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans." <sup>20</sup>And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

## Matthew 28:19-20

<sup>19</sup>"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

#### Matthew 6:25-34

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>"Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

#### Matthew 10:29-31

<sup>29</sup>"Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. <sup>30</sup>"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>"Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.