**Rom 8:16**

**16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

Spirit and spirit: the distinction has been added by the translators

TCNT:
“The Spirit himself unites with our spirits in bearing witness to our being God’s children”

Phillips:

“The Spirit himself endorses our inward conviction that we are really are the children of God.” Think what that means. If we are his children, we share his treasures, and all that Christ claims as his will belongs to all of us as well!

Jewish legal practice states that two corroborating witnesses were required to verify something in court.

Jesus cited this tradition in defending his record of himself to the Pharisees: “It isalso written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.” (John 8:17, 18).

***bear witness:*** Greek 4828:

 - to bear joint witness; to testify unto; to bear witness with; corroborate by evidence

***children***: Greek 5043:

* offspring, children, name transferred to that intimate and reciprocal relationship formed between men by the bonds of love, friendship, trust, just as parents and children
* in Paul’s writings, all who are led by the Spirit of God and thus closely related to God; al who are animated by the Spirit of God.

**17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;**

 **heirs**: Greek 2818

* one who receives by lot, an heir; one who receives his allotted possession by right of sonship; one who has acquired or obtained the portion allotted to him

Job 16:19

 … behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high.

* Hebrew: witness: that which testifies or gives testimony
* Hebrew: record: a witness

411:10

 If Spirit or the power of divine Love bear

 witness to the truth, this is the ultimatum, the scientific [highest form of treatment]

 way, and the healing is instantaneous.

**Spirit**: Holy Ghost: Divine Science = the power that proves divine Law

**Love** = the Christ-light, the living water flowing from the throne of God

**bear witness**: to *Perfect God, perfect man,*

* If something bears witness to a fact, it proves that it is true
* testifies to a fact or truth
* that which furnishes evidence; prove, show,
* take the stand in a court of law, vouch, declare emphatically and authoritatively

 The great spiritual fact must be brought out that man

 *is,* not *shall be,* perfect and immortal. 428:22

**ultimatum**: final propositions, conditions, concessions, or terms offered as the basis of a treaty; the most favorable terms that the negotiator can offer. If they are rejected, this puts an end to negotiation.

1. a statement that orders someone to do something and threatens to punish or attack them if they do not.
2. final demand or statement of terms