

↳ The Great Reality of the Christian ▶
Indwelling Holy Spirit 8:9-11 "THE GIFT"
Augustine
IN contrast to Holy Spirit's "coming upon" in OT
Samson in Judges 13:25; 14:5-6, 19-20; 15:14-16


⇒ If Christianity is true, the indwelling Spirit makes the Christian distinct, supernaturally empowered!

What does this/might this mean?

① You have a mighty ally to fight and kill indwelling sin

☑ Not a debtor to flesh ▶ Total Depravity

☑ If you live according to the flesh you will die ▶ Led, ruled by flesh

☑  but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live
"Mine" Spirit of Θ who partners + leads in this battle has power to mortify sin

Mean? Great battle/war of Xtian life is with Spirit vs. indwelling sin! vs. Philistines

② You have a secure identity as a son/daughter of Θ

Identity is one of our greatest struggles and longings Jenny as missionary kid Right?

☑ For all who are led by the SPIRIT of Θ are sons of Θ vs. 14 = All Christians!

☑ For you did not receive ● the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear
Jenny's trip back to Peru

☑ but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we call Abba Father

Jenny greeted by Katia's mother "Jenny, Mi hija," my daughter... "Daddy"

☑ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children

Jenny @ Window, "Jenny you're my daughter"

Do you see how the Christian's identity is so incredibly strong + secure?

Not b/c we earn it, but b/c of Θ 's cost of adoption 

This would be enough, but it is not all!

③ You have a great inheritance

☒☒ Jephthah's brothers drive him out from the inheritance, Judges 11:1-3

Inheritance is test/proof of sonship/daughtership
Right? Thus such great wounds in this world!
Now, listen to this! Imagine This!

"and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him." vs 17

☑ Like our brother Jesus, the path to glory lies through suffering + the cross
Not "easy street" but suffering

☑ But consider the inheritance! GOD!
and GOD'S GLORY glorified w. Him

How will you make it? Great Q! Unlike Jephthah's brothers, Jesus fights for your inheritance, wins it for you, + gives His Spirit to see you through