November Memory Verse
Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. (Romans 8:33-34)

Sermon Notes

THE BIG IDEA
What is the main truth the Lord showed you in this passage?

Trinity Gospel Church **Bible Study Notes**

The Witness of the Spirit

Romans 8:14-17

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 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.

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

17 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.

Are you a child of God?
One of the ways we have assurance of our own salvation is the presence and witness of God's Holy Spirit in us! He changes our relationship with God the Father by replacing fear with adoption and love. The Holy Spirit's presence proves we are joint heirs with Christ. It is the Holy Spirit in us that produces a personal love and connection with our "Abba."

Section 1—The Leading of the Spirit

Read Romans 8:13-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

1) What does the Holy Spirit lead us to do according to Romans 8:13-14?

2) How specifically might Christians "quench the Spirit" according to 1 Thessalonians 5? Of these ways which is most likely in your life?

3) How might you recognize the leading of the Spirit as opposed to your flesh?

Section 2—Removing the Fear

Read Romans 8:15; 1 John 4:17-19

1) What does not characterize the Sprit of God which we have received? What are the implications of this?

2) According to 1 John why do Christians need not be afraid?

3) How do you think fear and bondage may be related? If you struggle with fear, to what might you be in bondage?

Section 3—The Children of God

Read Romans 8:15-16; 1 John 3:1-3

1) How does the indwelling Spirit of God affect your personal relationship with God?

2) According to 1 John 3 how does our relationship with God as His children affect our actions and our relationship with the world?

3) How does "adoption" into God's family change the dynamic of *your* life?

Section 4—Joint Heirs with Christ

Read Romans 8:17; Hebrews 1:1-3

1) How does our relationship to God the Father affect our relationship to God the Son?

2) What does Jesus inherit according to Hebrews 1? How do you suppose believers may share in this as joint heirs?

3) How do you think the Holy Spirit in us proves that we are truly joint-heirs with Christ?

