

Rise Up
Life in the Spirit Part 8
The Ministry of the Holy Spirit
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WELCOME

PRAYER

SHARE

Read: Romans 8:5-11 (ESV)

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Discussion:

1. Understanding the Flesh vs. the Spirit (Verses 5-8)

- **Discussion Question:** What are the characteristics of those who live according to the flesh compared to those who live according to the Spirit?
- **Reflection:** What have you done in the past to help you change your mindset and what would you encourage other believers to do if they want to change their mindset?

2. The Role of the Spirit in Believers (Verses 9-11)

- **Discussion Question:** How does Paul describe the difference between someone who is "in the flesh" and someone "in the Spirit"?
- **Reflection:** Reflect on Paul's assertion that if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. Why is it so important that embrace the Holy Spirit?

3. The Spirit Gives Life (Verse 11)

- **Discussion Question:** What does it mean for the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead to give life to our mortal bodies?
- **Reflection:** Discuss the transformative power of the Spirit that not only resurrected Jesus but also lives in us, empowering us for life and godliness.

Prayer Requests / Praise Reports

REMEMBER TO TAKE ATTENDANCE

CARE: Follow-up during the week