

Sermon Title: Living Life with the Spirit

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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.

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 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.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

As we read through this scripture today, I felt the Holy Spirit directing me to do

_____.

I will share this with _____.

Getting to Know You:

What's your favorite thing to do in the summer?

What was the best thing that happened to you this past week?

If you had this week over again, what would you do differently?

Into the Bible:

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1. What is something from this passage that we can learn about God?

2. What are His characteristics?

3. What does He do/communicate?

4. What does He not do/communicate and why?

5. What one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, encouraging, new or difficult to grasp?

6. From your other personal Bible reading, what did you learn or see about God that relates or correlates to what this passage is talking about?

7. As you reflect on this passage or this past week's sermon, what is God trying to say or show us?

Application:

If you were to live out these verses, **what** would be most challenging for you to trust God with? Why or why not?

When and **where** do you struggle the most with living life with the Spirit?

How would your life change today or this week if you live out what God is teaching you?

Are you called to do something? Go somewhere? Serve someone? How are you going to live this out at home, in your work, or in your leisure time?

Pray and Share

What victories have you seen God give you this week?

What can we pray for you about this week? What challenges or struggles are you facing? What is on your heart? (have someone use the prayer journal to record requests and answers)?