

## Life in the Holy Spirit

July 16, 2023

**Text:** Romans 8:1-11

### Introduction:

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit (Review from last week - July 9, 2023)

- INDWELLS (1 Corinthians 3:16)
- HELPS (John 16:7)
- OVERFLOWS with love (Romans 5:5)
- TEACHES (John 14:26)
- GUIDES my prayers (Romans 8:26)
- Gives HOPE (Romans 15:13)
- CONVICTS of sin, righteousness and of judgement (John 16:8)

**BIG IDEA:** The Holy Spirit is the active \_\_\_\_\_ of change between death & life, defeat & victory, and chaos & peace.

1. The Holy Spirit leads us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (2-4)

2. The Holy Spirit makes possible a new \_\_\_\_\_ (5-8)

3. The Holy Spirit's assures us we are \_\_\_\_\_ (9-11)

### Truth into Action

- It is the "set" of our minds that determine our destinies. **Examine your life** to understand if yours is set on the "flesh" or the "Spirit"!
- Every believer gets the Holy Spirit at salvation. **Live daily surrendered to His control!**



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

### Table Talk

Some religions believe in one god (monotheism), and other religions believe in many gods (polytheism). Only Christianity believes in the Trinity, that there is one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit—the Triune God. For Christians, this is a closed-handed issue and one of our beliefs that makes us distinct from all other religions, ideologies, and spiritualities. Our God is relational and changes us when we enter a relationship with Him.

In this section of Romans, we are told in life-changing, heartwarming, eternity-altering detail about how a relationship with each member of the Trinity transforms us.

1. Jesus died not only to forgive our sin but also to remove all condemnation (8:1–4). God cannot love you any more than He already does, and no matter what you have done or will do, God will not love you any less. Jesus was condemned in your place so that you would no longer be condemned by demonic torment, regrets from your past, criticism from others, or from the wrath of God. Has this truth gripped you and set you free? If so, explain your answer, if not why not?
2. The same Holy Spirit who empowered the life of Jesus now also lives in the believer, bringing Resurrection life and power (8:5–13). When Jesus told us that He would send us the Helper (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7), He knew we would need the Spirit's help to live a spiritual life. When Jesus needed help, He went to the Helper, and we can do the same. What might that look like in your daily life?
3. Verse 9 reads, "Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." If you are a believer, how has the Holy Spirit helped you this past week?
4. Ponder the seven things the Holy Spirit makes new in you.
  - **New Relationship.** Before being born again of the Holy Spirit, a person "does not belong to him [Jesus Christ]." However, once you become a Christian, the Holy Spirit gives you a new relationship as "Christ is in you." Before you didn't know or love God, but now you both know and love Him!
  - **New Mind.** The person without the Spirit has a "mind on the things of the flesh," so busy looking out to the world that they never look up to God. All this changes once God sets our "minds on the things of the Spirit." We think differently about everyone and everything in light of God's Word.
  - **New Nature.** The person without the Spirit has only their sinful fallen "flesh," that rejects and rebels against God's will and Word. Once we have a new nature by the "Spirit," however, a change process begins at the deepest level of our being as God transforms who we are and how we live.
  - **New Desires.** The non-Christian without the Spirit is "hostile to God"—they do not accept any external authority beyond themselves. The person with the Spirit, however, wants to "submit to God's laws" as their deepest desires change to wanting to obey God.
  - **New Power.** The person without the Spirit "cannot ... submit to God" as a godly life can only be lived by God's power. Conversely, the Christian has a new power by which to obey God because "the Spirit of God dwells in you."
  - **New Life.** Before new life in the Spirit, you "cannot please God," because all you have is your old life of sin. However, once you meet Jesus and receive the Spirit, your new life is marked by "righteousness," which is Jesus making you right with God and giving you the Spirit's power to live.
  - **New Destiny.** The eternal destiny of the person without the Spirit is "death," but the person with the Spirit has a new destiny of eternal "life" with Jesus once they are raised by the Spirit as Jesus was. The new ends in perfection when God is finished.

Which of these seven new things that the Holy Spirit will make new excites you the most?

\*Driscoll, Theology for Everyone: Romans Commentary Ebook p. 192