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Romans 8:9-17: Christ Enters In

From O'Little Town of Bethlehem

*So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heav'n.*

*...where meek souls will receive Him still
the dear Christ enters in.*

*...cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.*

*...O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!*

What is the common idea in all these lyrics?

READ ROMANS 8:9-17

Verse 9: Our Past

Verse 10: Our Present

Verse 11: Our Future

So far...

1. If you do not have the Spirit of Christ, you do not belong to Christ.
2. If you belong to Christ, you have the Spirit of God within you.
3. If you have the Spirit, you will live like it (or you will be growing at living like it), and you have a future resurrection hope.

May I put it bluntly again? Paul is saying that if you live like a non-Christian, dominated by your sinful nature rather than living according to the Holy Spirit, you will perish like a non-Christian—because you are a non-Christian. “If you live according to the sinful nature, you will die.” On the other hand, if you really are a Christian, you will not live according to the sinful nature. Instead, you will acknowledge what you actually are in Jesus Christ and live accordingly. (James Montgomery Boice)

Be Encouraged

God’s Spirit caused a conviction of sin in your life. It led to you feeling bad about your sin.

God’s Spirit invited you to the free gift of salvation in Christ. You accepted it.

God’s Spirit delivered you from the wrath of God caused by your sin.

God’s Spirit moved you from being controlled by your sinful nature to being in His Kingdom.

God’s Spirit gave you a new nature. You don’t have to follow the sinful nature anymore.

God’s Spirit is making you alive from within in the present (God seems more real. The Bible seems more relevant to your life and true. You are drawn more to other believers.)

God’s Spirit has given you an entirely new destiny with God forever.

So, Paul says: As the Spirit-indwelt children of God that we are, we have an obligation/debt to live according to the Spirit, to put to death the misdeeds of the body and live for God.

God’s Spirit tells me I’m His. I’m His Son/Daughter. I have an inheritance with Him.

Verse 17: It won't be easy, but God will be with you.

...where meek souls will receive Him still
the dear Christ enters in.

HOME GROUP QUESTIONS...

Read these verses in your home group about the indwelling of the Spirit within believers...

- 1 Corinthians 3:16
- Ezekiel 36:27
- 2 Timothy 1:14
- Acts 6:5
- Ephesians 5:18
- Galatians 5:22
- Galatians 4:6
- 1 John 2:27

How do these passages relate to our text this week in Romans 8:9-17?

Which ideas are understandable? Which ideas are harder to get your mind wrapped around?

After reading these verses, what examples do you have of the Holy Spirit at work in your life?

How can you grow in being aware and being filled by the indwelling Holy Spirit?

Has anyone in the group experienced growth in abiding with the Lord they could share?