Encounter Church

Sermon Notes

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A Divine Source of Assurance

Romans 8:5–11

Slide 1 — Romans 8:5–11

5 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but
those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the
Spirit. 6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting
the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. 7 For the sinful nature is
always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. 8 That's why
those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. 9
But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if
you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not
have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) 10 And Christ
lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives
you life because you have been made right with God. 11 The Spirit of God, who
raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from
the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within
you.

Slide 2 — Romans 8:2

2 And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you
from the power of sin that leads to death.

Slide 3 — Romans 8:4

4 He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

Slide 4 — Romans 8:5–6

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Slide 5

“Phroneo” = Basic orientation or bent of the mind, basic thought patterns

Slide 6 — Philippians 2:5

5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Slide 7 — Philippians 3:19

19 They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth.

Slide 8 — Ephesians 2:1

1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.

Slide 9 — Galatians 6:8

8 Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature.

Slide 10 — Romans 8:6

6 …letting your sinful nature control your mind

Slide 11 — Romans 7:22

22 I love God’s law with all my heart.

Slide 12 — Romans 8:7–8

7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will. 8 That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

Slide 13 — Hebrews 11:6

6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Slide 14 — Romans 12:1

1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Slide 15 — 1 Thessalonians 4:1

1 Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God…

Slide 16 — Romans 8:9

9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)

Slide 17 — John 3:6

6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

Slide 18

“Oikeo” = to dwell

Slide 19 — Romans 8:10

10 And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.

Slide 20 — Galatians 2:20

20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Slide 21 — Colossians 1:26–27

26 This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God’s people. 27 …And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

Slide 22 — Romans 8:10

10 …the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.

Slide 23 — Romans 3:21–26

21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. 23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. 24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood… 26 …God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

Slide 24 — Philippians 3:8–9

8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

Slide 25 — Romans 8:11

11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Slide 26 — Romans 8:11

11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you.

Slide 27 — Romans 1:4

4 and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Slide 28 — John 6:63

63 The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

Slide 29

God’s very Spirit is within you as a believer!

He has changed your nature AND given you life!