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Romans 8:12-17

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The Spirit that gives life, leads us to put our sin to death.

“To mortify a sin is not utterly to kill, root it out, and destroy it, that it should have no more hold at all nor residence in our hearts. It is true this is that which is aimed at; but this is not in this life to be accomplished.” — John Owen, The Mortification of Sin

The thought that you have no more sin to fight against is the peak of pride under the guise of humility.

Question for application: Does your life look like you are being led by the Holy Spirit?

If Jesus died to save you from it, the Holy Spirit is not going to lead you to do it.

The Spirit changes our status from a slave to sin to a child of God.

If you are in the flesh, be afraid! Why? Because every day is one day closer to the second death.

If you are in the Spirit, there is no reason to be afraid of God! Why? Because you have received the Spirit of adoption and you have a Heavenly Father who has promised you an eternal inheritance.

The Spirit assures us of our salvation and gives us an eternal hope!

The Spirit leads us to hope for God

Our eternal hope is expressed by living by the Spirit, for Jesus, to the glory of the Father; regardless of the temporary consequences.

Closing Questions for Personal Response:

1. Is Jesus worth more than anything else?
2. Are you living by the Spirit? (The Word.. He will never contradict... in fact He uses what you know of the Word to lead you)
3. What is the source of your assurance? Is it the list of what you have done for the Lord? Or is it what God has done for you in Christ?

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