

READ: Romans 8:5-8

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. 12 Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. 13 For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

§ What do you think God is trying to tell you by connecting the fact that the Holy Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, is the One who can live in you and perform the same resurrection for you?

→ Do you think this “resurrection” only occurs at the Second Coming, or do you think this is referring to a spiritual resurrection now?

‡ What does this section of Scripture show you regarding the character of God?

° Why would God care whether you find pleasure in this life or not?

° Why would acting “naturally human” equal death? Is this God’s punishment, or something else?

this week's conversation with God

1. In what ways am I letting my sinful nature dominate my life?
2. How am I letting the Holy Spirit control my life?
3. What new beautiful element of God’s character do I see now?

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