

# ROMANS 8:9-13

## DEAD, BUT ALIVE

*Big Idea: If the Spirit of God truly dwells in us, He not only establishes our identity and gives us new life, but also empowers our ongoing war against sin.*

### THE SPIRIT ESTABLISHES IDENTITY *(Read Romans 8:9)*

- What does Paul identify as the non-negotiable marker of true Christianity in v. 9?
- How does the Spirit's indwelling presence give assurance of salvation? (e.g. Romans 8:16)
- How would your confidence in Christ change if you embraced that your identity is established by the Spirit rather than your success or failure?

### THE SPIRIT IMPARTS LIFE *(Read Romans 8:10-11)*

- What is Paul contrasting in v. 10 and why is that important to understand?
- Give careful attention to v. 11. What does resurrection life look like now, and what does it mean for the believer at death?
- How does understanding that the Spirit of God lives in you affect the way you look at sin, obedience, spiritual fruit, struggle, etc.?

### THE SPIRIT EMPOWERS VICTORY *(Read Romans 8:12-13)*

- Why does Paul insist we are not obligated or in debt to the flesh, but what does it mean that if a person lives according to the flesh, they will die?
- What does it practically mean to "put to death" the deeds of the body rather than merely manage, excuse, or hide them?
- While the Christian has eternal victory settled because of the finished work of Jesus, how does a Christian fight sin in the power of the Holy Spirit while they remain on the earth?