

The Spirit

Series: Great Eight

Text: Romans 8:12-17

Assurance in the Christian life comes from intimacy with the Spirit.

One of the Spirit's primary roles in your life is giving you assurance.

The Necessity of the Spirit

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. Romans 8:12-13

You are released from the penalty of sin by his blood; you are released by the power of sin by His Spirit.

As a Christian, you always have to be fighting sin in the Spirit. “. . . if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, (only then) you will live.” Romans 8:13

Fighting sin in the Spirit always entails. . .

1. Humble Confession

Confess your sins to one another and you will be healed. James 5:16

2. Total surrender

3. Re-assurance in the gospel

Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more. John 8:11

4. Memorize specific Scripture

There hath no temptation taken you, but such is as common to man, but God is faithful, who will not let you be tempted above that which you are able, but will with the temptation make a way to escape that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

5. Don't just avoid sin, pursue wisdom

. . . many things are lawful but they are not helpful. 1 Corinthians 6:12

The Trajectory of the Spirit

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. V.14

The Assurance from the Spirit

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!” Romans 8:15

The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:16