



Life in the Spirit

ROMANS 8:1-17

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. v. 1

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ROLE IN SALVATION

JUSTIFICATION

Indwelled us to form relationship
Baptized us with a new identity
Sealed us as a promise of what's to come
Gifts us to serve God

SANCTIFICATION

Works in us to produce spiritual fruit
Conforms us to Christ
Leads us to truth
Empowers us to live freely

I. The Holy Spirit calls us to a new way of _____ to God.

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" v. 15

Draw near to God, who is a good _____.

II. The Holy Spirit leads us to a new way of _____ about our lives.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. vv. 5-6

Set your mind on the truth of God's Word to abide in His _____.

III. The Holy Spirit empowers us to a new way of _____ in our world.

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. vv. 2-4

Submit to the Spirit's power to experience true _____.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. v. 11

ROAD TO
REDEMPTION

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DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Romans 8:1-17. Explain what you learn about roles of the Holy Spirit from this passage and from the sermon. Which aspect of these was the most helpful to you, and why?

2. Why is justification the necessary foundation for sanctification?

Why is it important to acknowledge that justification is not merely the impartation of righteousness itself, but the imputation of Christ's own righteousness?

3. What does it mean practically to "walk in the Spirit"? Describe it in specific terms. How are you growing personally in this area?

4. God wants you to be holy. Through faith ...

- He already counted you holy *in* Christ (a *positional* holiness we inherited);
- Now He intends to make you holy *with* Christ (a *practical* holiness we actively pursue).

Describe how both of these shape the way you live as a Christian.

5. Holiness is not only possible for the Christian, it's a *requirement* (Lev 19:2; Heb 12:14). In the Scriptures below, how does the Spirit increase our practical holiness?

Heb 12:1-3, 14	2 Tim 2:21
Titus 3:3-5	1 John 3:9-10
Rom 6:11, 8:29, 12:2	Mark 14:38
1 Pet 1:14-16	1 Thess 4:3-4
2 Cor 3:6, 7:1	Gal 5:16-18, 22-23

6. The Holy Spirit lives within us, but we can never say that we're finished with sin in a particular area in this life because it keeps raising its head (usually when we least expect it!). What Scriptures encourage you to stay vigilant in this battle on earth?

]"We must note most carefully that a holy life is to be lived by us. It is not that we have any power—we have none. But God's Spirit dwells in us for the express object of being called 'upon by us to put to death the doings of the body.' Self-control is one of that sweet cluster called 'the fruit of the Spirit' in Galatians 5:22."

WILLIAM NEWELL

"God wants you to be holy. Through faith He already counts you holy in Christ. Now He intends to make you holy with Christ. This is no optional plan, no small potatoes. God saved you to sanctify you. God is in the beautification business, washing away spots and smoothing out wrinkles. He will have a blameless bride. He promised to work in you; He also calls you to work out. 'The beauty of holiness' is first of all the Lord's (Ps 29:2, KJV). But by His grace it can also be yours."

KEVIN DEYOUNG

"All regenerate men have God as their inheritance, or as Paul puts it, are 'heirs of God' (Rom 8:17; Gal 4:7). That heirship is received on the basis of only one work, the work of believing. But there is another inheritance in the New Testament, an inheritance which, like that of the Israelites, is merited. They are also heirs of the kingdom and joint-heirs with the Messiah (2 Tim 2:12; Rom 8:17)."

JOSEPH DILLOW

"No condemnation is different from no judgment (2 Cor 5:10). No condemnation (Gr. *katakrima*, penal servitude) means that God will never condemn believers to an eternity separate from Himself because of our sins. The reason is not that the believer has been forgiven, which he has, but because he or she is 'in Christ Jesus.' The Savior has suffered the judgment for our sins as our Substitute. He will experience no condemnation, and we, as those who are in Him, will not either. Note the absolute force of this great promise. We are eternally secure!"

TOM CONSTABLE

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

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FORT WORTH CAMPUS NIGHT Our heart at Christ Chapel is to create a church family that is familiar, no matter the size. Tonight at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary, a Fort Worth Campus Night will be hosted for all of us to get to know each other better, see familiar faces, meet more of the staff and walk away knowing a little more about the place we be, make and reach together. Let us know you're coming by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/campusnight.

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WOMEN IN THE WORD Solomon was the wisest man the world had ever seen until Jesus came to earth. He loved the Lord, and his greatest achievement was building the Temple in Jerusalem. Peace, prosperity and influence marked Solomon's reign over Israel, yet his splendid reign ended in despair and decline. What happened? Join us in September to discover the answer as we study Solomon's life at Women in the Word! Sign up today at www.ccbcfamily.org/wiw.

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