

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Pt. 1 **(Romans 8:8-17)**

- A. THE VICTORIOUS PROCLAMATION.** “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.” (8:1)
- B. THE THEOLOGICAL CLARIFICATION.** “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.” (8:2)
- C. THE DOCTRINAL EXPLANATION.** “For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh.” (8:3)
- D. THE PRACTICAL RAMIFICATION.** “That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.” (8:4)
- E. THE CONTRASTING DESCRIPTIONS.** “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, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.” (8:5-7)
- F. THE LOGICAL CONCLUSIONS. (8:8-11)**

1. Some Observations to Consider:

- a. Note the following key words in this passage:** So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (8:8-11)

b. Note the following key conjunctions, prepositions, and progression of thought in this passage:

- **vs. 8 ...** So then, those who are in the flesh...
- **vs. 9 ...** But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.
- **vs.10 ...** And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- **vs.11 ...** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
- **vs.12 ...** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors-- not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
- **vs.13 ...** For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

2. Some Conclusions to Make. What Are They? (8:8-11)

#1: Those who are _____ cannot _____ God. (8:8)

- Who are those that are ‘in the flesh’? (Rom.7:5, 8:9)
- Why can they not please God?

#2: All believers are viewed by God as not only ‘in Christ’ “but (you) are not in the flesh but _____, if indeed the _____ of God _____ you. (8:9a)

- What is true today of every believer regarding the Holy Spirit?

#3: “Now if anyone does _____ have the Spirit of Christ, he is _____. (8:9b)

- What ministry of the Holy Spirit underscores this?

#4: “And if Christ be in you, the body is _____ because of _____; but the _____ because of _____. (8:10)

- What ministry of the Holy Spirit does this highlight?

#5: “But if the _____ of Him who _____ from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead _____ also give _____ to your _____ through His _____ who dwells in you. (8:11)

- What does the Holy Spirit in you guarantee about your future and imply about the present?

G. THE PERSONAL APPLICATIONS. (8:12-17)

1. These applications are addressed to _____ since they have the Holy Spirit indwelling them to enable them to fulfill these applications. (8:12a)

2. Negatively - “we are debtors -- _____ to the flesh, to live _____ the flesh. For if you live _____ the flesh you _____. (8:12-13a)

3. Positively - “but if _____ you _____ the deeds of the body, you _____. (8:13b)

4. Practically – God has designed your life in the Spirit to realistically involve:

a. Daily _____ by the Spirit of God (through the Word of God). “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” (8:14; Gal.3:26)

b. Personal _____ with God the Father. “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” (8:15; Gal.4:4-7)

c. A sense of the Father’s great _____ for you and your unchanging position in the family of God as His _____. “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. (8:16; 1 John 3:1-3)

d. The assumption that we will be called upon to _____ with Him in the present and then later _____ with Him in the future. “and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (8:17)

- Some closing applications: