

“The Spirit Of Christ”
Romans 8:9-11

Introduction:

1. Please Turn Back In Your Bibles With Me This Morning:
 - To Romans 8:
 - Where - We’ve Been Learning About:
 - One Of The Primary Ways:
 - To Know For Sure:
 - Whether Or Not You Are:
 - Truly Saved!
 - Whether Or Not:
 - You Have Been:
 - Justified By Faith - And:
 - Now - Stand Before God With:
 - “No Condemnation!” (8:1)
2. And - That Way Is This:
 - ***God Himself Puts Himself:***
 - In Every One:
 - Who ***Believes*** In Christ - And:
 - Who ***Belongs*** To Christ!
 - And - He Does This:
 - Through The Personal, Indwelling Presence:
 - Of The Holy Spirit!
 - This Is What We Found:
 - In The First Part Of 8:9 - Where We Ended Last Sunday:
 - Where Paul Writes - “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you!”
3. Do You Have This Assurance:
 - In Your Own Heart & Life This Morning?
 - That The “Spirit Of God” Himself:
 - Right Now - At This Very Moment:
 - Dwells “In You?”
 - You Can! Because This Is:
 - A Special Promise:
 - That Was Made By Jesus Christ Himself:
 - When He Was On This Earth!
 - In John 14:16-18 - Jesus Said To His Disciples - “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; / Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. / I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you!”
 - Jesus Promised To Send:
 - The Holy Spirit:
 - To Not Only Be ***With*** You - But:
 - To Be ***In*** You!
 - And This Promise Applies:
 - To Every One Who Trusts In Him!
 - Well - Not Long After Jesus Died On The Cross, Rose Again, And Then Ascended Back Into Heaven:
 - We Find:
 - A Special Provision:
 - In The Book Of Acts - When:
 - On The Day Known To The Jews As “Pentecost”:
 - As Those Same Disciples Were Together In The City Of Jerusalem - That:
 - “Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. / And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. / And they were all

filled with the Holy Ghost!” (Acts 2:2-4)

- Jesus Kept His Promise:
 - And Provided The Holy Spirit:
 - To Fill And To In Dwell:
 - Every One Of His Disciples!
 - And This Provision Applies:
 - To Every One Who Believes In Him!
 - And Then - Through The Words Of Jesus And His Disciples:
 - We Learn Of:

- A Special Purpose:

- For The Holy Spirit - Actually:
 - **Several** Special Purposes:
 - That God The Holy Spirit Fulfills:
 - When He Takes Up Residence:
 - In Your Heart!
- The Holy Spirit:
 - Saves You!
 - He Is Intimately Involved In The Process:
 - Of Your Own Salvation From Sin!
 - Titus 3:5 - “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost!” -
So - The Holy Spirit:
 - Regenerates You And Renews You Into:
 - A New Creation In Jesus Christ! Then - Also:

- The Holy Spirit:

- Satisfies You!
 - He Is The “Comforter” That Jesus Said:
 - He Would Send!

- The Holy Spirit:

- Steers You!
 - He Is The One Who Jesus Said:
 - “Will Guide You Into All Truth” - Because - He Is “The Spirit Of Truth!”
(John 16:13)

- The Holy Spirit:

- Sanctifies You!
 - It Is His Fruit:
 - That You Will Bear:
 - As You Grow In Your Walk With Christ!

- The Holy Spirit:

- Seals You!
 - He Is The Spiritual “Brand” - That:
 - Keeps You - And:
 - Secures You - As One:
 - Who Belongs To God!

- **IE:** Like The “Brand” On An Animal!

- Ephesians 4:30 - “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption!” - And:

- These Are Just Some:

- Of The Special Purposes God Has:
 - For The Holy Spirit:
 - As He Indwells You:
 - If You Are A Follower Of Christ!

4. To Have The Holy Spirit:

- In Your Life:

- Is A Good & A Wonderful Thing!
 - And So - It Is An Important Thing:
 - For You To **Know:**
 - Whether Or Not:

- 5:9a - That - "Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you!"

- And - To Help You Know:

- In The Rest Of 8:9 - Through - 8:11:

- The Apostle Paul Provides:

- Three Ramifications Of This Truth:

- Of The Indwelling Presence Of The Holy Spirit:

- In The Lives Of Christians!

- And - In Each Case:

- These Three Are Ramifications Are Introduced The Same Way - With The Words - "**But If!**"

- 8:9b-11 - "Now if (**But If**) any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. / And if (**But If**) Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. / But if (**But If**) the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you!"

5. As We Go Through These Verses This Morning:

- Ask Yourself This Question:

- "**Does The Spirit Of Christ Dwell In Me?**" (2x)

- Search Your Heart:

- And Be Sure!

* Because - As We See In 8:9 - The First Thing To Know About The Indwelling Presence Of The Holy Spirit Is This:

1. **There Is Healing In His Indwelling Presence!**

- There Is Healing!

- 8:9b - "Now if (But If) any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his!"

- The Simple Meaning:

- Of This Verse Is That:

- If The Holy Spirit Is **In** You:

- Then - You Are **His!**

- You **Belong** To Him! But:

- If The Holy Spirit Is **Not** In You:

- Then - You Are **Not** His!

- And - You Do **Not** Belong To Him!

- So - We See From This Statement:

- The Spiritual Situation:

- Of An **Unbeliever:**

- "But If Any Man Have Not The Spirit Of Christ!"

- Now - Before We Move On:

- We Need To Realize That:

- The Holy Spirit Is Described In The Bible:

- In Various Ways!

- Here - He Is Known As & Is Called:

- The "Spirit Of Christ!"

- But - In The First Part Of 8:9:

- He Is Called:

- The "Spirit Of God!"

- Back In 8:2 - He Was Referred To As:

- The "Spirit Of Life!"

- Elsewhere - He Is Called The:

- "Spirit Of Truth!"

- "Spirit Of Wisdom!"

- "Spirit Of Adoption!"

- And Others!

- This Does Not Mean That There Are:

- Multiple Divine Spirits:

- For There Is Only One!

- The Holy Spirit!

- But - There Is Such A Close Connection:

- To Both God The Father - And:

- God The Son - That:
 - He Is Often Referred To As **Their** Spirit - And Who Possesses:
 - All Of Their Divine Qualities!
- These Names & Descriptions:
 - Of The Holy Spirit:
 - Draw Us Into The Mysterious Doctrine:
 - Of The Trinity!
 - That - Even Though:
 - There Is Only One God - Yet:
 - That God Exists In Three Distinct Persons! The Father, The Son, And The Holy Spirit!
- But - The Connection Between Them Is So Close:
 - That Each Person Operates:
 - Within The Work Of:
 - The Others!
 - That Is Why When:
 - We Say That The Holy Spirit:
 - Makes Your Heart His Home:
 - If You Are A Christian!
 - It Means:
 - Christ Is There Too!
 - Not Physically, But Spiritually!
 - And - So Is God The Father!
- This Is One Of The Greatest Blessings:
 - Of Being A Christian!
 - God Himself Is With You - And:
 - Is In You!
 - All Of Him!
- But - For An **Unbeliever**:
 - This Is **Not** The Case!
 - 8:9b - “But If Any Man Have Not The Spirit Of Christ!”
 - What A Sad Statement!
 - To **Not** Have:
 - “The Spirit Of Christ” With / Within You:
 - Means That You Do **Not** Have Any Of The Goodness & Blessing:
 - Of Christ Either!
 - And That Leads Us To:
- The Spiritual Significance:
 - Of Being Without The Indwelling Presence Of God:
 - 8:9b - “He Is None Of His!”
 - **If The Spirit Of Christ Is Not Yours:**
 - **Then - You Are Not His!**
 - And That Is Tragic!
- And - I Believe - The Reason:
 - Paul Puts This Ramification First:
 - Is To Get You And Me:
 - To Examine Ourselves!
 - To Search Out:
 - And Be Sure:
 - That You Do Have The “Spirit Of Christ” Within You!
 - But - How Can You Know?
 - Need To Go Back To 8:5-9a:
 - And See If There Is The Difference:
 - That The Holy Spirit Makes:
 - In Your Life!
 - Is There Now A Different:
 - Disposition / Direction / Determination:
 - For God And His Will?

- O - How We Need:
 - The Spirit Of Christ In Our Lives!
 - And You Can - By Remembering:
 - **Who** Christ Is:
 - The Son Of God Who Became A Man!
 - **Why** Christ Came:
 - To Seek & To Save!
 - **What** Christ Did!
 - He Lived / Died / Buried / Rose Again!
 - And Then - Turning To & Trusting In:
 - Jesus Christ Alone:
 - To Be Your Savior!
- When You:
 - Listen To His Voice - And:
 - Believe In His Truth - Then:
 - You Will Receive:
 - The Promise Of His Presence:
 - Through The Holy Spirit!
- And Then - The Last Part Of 8:9:
 - Will **Not** Be True:
 - Of You! Instead:
 - **You Will Have Him - And:**
 - **He Will Have You!**
- And - There Is Great Healing:
 - In The Indwelling Presence:
 - Of The Holy Spirit!
 - But Then We See:

2. ***There Is Help In His Indwelling Presence!***

- There Is Great Help - Which Is What We Find In:
 - 8:10 - "And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness!"
 - Remember - If The Holy Spirit Is In You:
 - Because You Are A Christian:
 - Then So Is Jesus Christ Himself:
 - In A Spiritual Way!
 - And So:
 - The Spiritual Situation:
 - Of The **Believer** Is This:
 - "Christ [Is] In You!"
 - This Is What The Apostle John Wrote:
 - In 1 John 4:15 - "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God!"
 - What A Great Truth - And:
 - What An Amazing Comfort!
 - And If This Is Your Situation:
 - Paul Wants To Now:
 - **Encourage** You!
 - Because Of:
 - The Spiritual Significance:
 - Of His Indwelling Presence!
 - So - In 8:10b - He Adds:
 - "The body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness!"
 - When Paul Writes About:
 - **"The Body"** - He Is Talking About:
 - Your Body & Mine!
 - Our Human, Physical Natures!
 - And - There Is One Primary Characteristic:

- That Applies To Each One Of Our Bodies:
 - And That Is:
 - “The Body Is Dead!”
 - Very Strong!
 - Not - “Dying” - But - “Dead!”
- You See - Death Attaches Itself:
 - So Closely To Our Bodies:
 - That They Can Already Be Called And Considered:
 - Dead!
 - **IE:** And - Sadly - This Is Something We Are Already All-Too Familiar With! Pain In My Foot For Nothing! So - In Our Bodies - We See Death / Feel Death - Every Day!
 - And - Of Course - The Reason For This:
 - Is “Sin!”
 - Romans 6:23 - “For The Wages Of Sin Is Death!”
 - Now - That’s Not Very Encouraging!
 - But Wait - There’s More! **IE:** Infomercial - Because:
- When Paul Writes Next About:
 - “**The Spirit**” - He Is *Not* Talking About:
 - **Your** Spirit - But **God’s** Spirit:
 - The **Holy Spirit** Who Indwells You - If You Are A Believer!
 - So - Even Though - 8:10:
 - “[Your] Body Is Dead Because Of Sin!”
 - “The Spirit – God’s Spirit – Is Life Because Of Righteousness!”
 - This **Has** To Refer To:
 - The Spirit Of God Because:
 - He Alone Is Pure “Life!” - And:
 - He Alone Possess True “Righteousness!”
 - So - All Of The Defects That You Possess:
 - Because Of Your Physical Nature:
 - God Himself Meets Those Needs:
 - Through The Indwelling Presence Of His Spirit!
 - God Himself Heals And Helps:
 - Your Condition Of **Death:**
 - With His **Life!** And - Even More:
 - God Himself Heals And Helps:
 - Your Condition Of **Sin:**
 - With His **Righteousness!**
 - So - When You Are Faced With:
 - The Condition Of Your Body:
 - Time & Time Again!
 - Its Weakness:
 - Because Its Prone To Death!
 - And - Its Sinfulness:
 - Don’t Be Discouraged!
 - Because - There Is Still Help:
 - In The Indwelling Presence:
 - Of The Holy Spirit!
 - Through His Life - And:
 - Through His Righteousness!
 - **Be Encouraged** - “If Christ Be In You” This Morning!

* Because - Then - We Also See:

3. ***There Is Hope In His Indwelling Presence!***

- There Is Great Hope - Which Is What We Read In:
 - 8:11 - “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you!”
 - Here - We Are Given Another Description:
 - Of The Holy Spirit!

- He Is Referred To As:
 - “The Spirit Of Him That Raised Up Jesus From The Dead!”
- This Is Tantalizing To Saying Again:
 - That He Is The “Spirit Of God!”
 - Because - Multiple Times:
 - God The Father Is Described As The One Who Raised Jesus From The Dead!
 - But - Of Course - All Three Persons Of The Trinity Were Involved In The Resurrection!
 - But - Here:
- The Spiritual Situation:
 - Of The Believer Is Mentioned:
 - In Different Terms Than 8:10!
 - Not Only Is:
 - “Christ In You!”
 - But - So Is:
 - “The Spirit Of Him That Raised Up Jesus From The Dead!”
 - He Dwells In You Too!
 - Are You Starting To See:
 - Just How Vital And Important:
 - This Truth Is?
 - The Indwelling Presence Of The Holy Spirit?
 - And Through This Verse:
 - And This Description Of The Holy Spirit:
 - Your Mind Is Drawn To:
 - The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ From The Dead!
 - Because - Paul Wants To Now:
 - **Excite** You!
 - Because Of:
- The Spiritual Significance:
 - Of This Truth!
 - 8:11 - “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you!”
 - If The Holy Spirit Indwells You:
 - Then - The Holy Spirit:
 - Will Quicken You:
 - And Bring Your Old, Dead Body Back To Life One Day:
 - Just Like Your Savior:
 - The Lord Jesus Christ!
 - So - Even Though There *Is* - Right Now:
 - For The Christian:
 - Life In You:
 - Through The Spirit!
 - **Yet** - There Remains:
 - Death In You:
 - In Your Body!
 - But- **Take Hope!**
 - Because God Will One Day:
 - Make You:
 - Perfectly & Permanently Alive!
 - And - He Will Do So:
 - With The Same Power:
 - He Used To Raise Up Jesus:
 - From The Dead!
 - So - The Holy Spirit:
 - Through His Indwelling Presence:
 - Offers You Real Hope:
 - For Your Future!
 - Even As Paul Wrote In 1 Corinthians 15:51-57:

- "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, / In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. / For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. / So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. / O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory? / The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law. / But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Conclusion:

1. So - Search Your Own Heart This Morning:

- And Be Sure!

- Be Sure That:

- 8:9 - "The Spirit Of God Dwells In You!"

- Be Sure That:

- 8:10 - "Christ [Himself] Is In You!"

- Be Sure That:

- 8:11 - "The Spirit Of Him That Raised Up Jesus From The Dead Dwells In You!"

- Examine Yourself!

- Because - 8:9b:

- "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his!"

- Does The Holy Spirit Dwell Within You?

- **Search & Be Sure!**

- If You're *Not* Sure:

- "Believe On The Lord Jesus Christ!"

- So That He Can Then:

- Provide You What He Promised:

- "The Comforter" That Has Come - Will Come - And Dwell Within You!

- And - There Is Great Healing:

- In His Indwelling Presence!

- He Will Continue Christ's Work:

- In Your Heart!

- He Will:

- Satisfy You:

- With His Peace!

- He Will:

- Steer You:

- With His Truth!

- He Will:

- Sanctify You:

- With His Holiness! And:

- He Will:

- Seal You:

- Unto The Day Of Your Redemption!

2. And Then - Since He Does Dwell Within You:

- Be Encouraged!

- For In Him You Will Find:

- Help - For The Present! And:

- Be Excited:

- For In Him You Will Find:

- Hope - For Your Future!

* Have You Examined Yourself:

- To Receive The Healing Of The Holy Spirit?

* Are You Encouraged:

- By The Help Of The Holy Spirit?

* Are You Excited:

- By The Hope Of The Holy Spirit?

* Remember - 8:9a - "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you!"

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