

Romans 8; Lord's Day 20
BY CHRIST'S SPIRIT WE PARTAKE

- I. Of Christ.
 - A. The Holy Spirit is a real Person (not just a power or an impersonal force of nature).
 - 1. He is a distinct Person in the Godhead, the third Person, God the Spirit.
 - 2. And He is a divine person.
 - B. He is the Spirit of Christ (Rom. 8:9) which is given to the church.
 - 1. He was first given to Jesus at His exaltation as Head of the church (Acts 2:33).
 - 2. He operates as the agent of Christ, to bring Christ and His saving work to His people.
- II. The Spirit is the means Christ uses to distribute the benefits He earned.
 - A. His work is very personal: "given me."
 - 1. He indwells each elect (I Cor. 6:19; Gal. 4:6); He regenerates (John 3:8; Rom. 8:10,11; Ezek. 37).
 - 2. The Spirit reveals by means of Scripture; He convicts of sin and He convinces that Jesus is the Son of God.
 - 3. The Spirit convinces of salvation; He puts the fruit of the Spirit in us (Gal. 5:22,23); and He sanctifies.
 - B. And the Spirit's work is more broad than just in us individually.
- III. And the Spirit makes one a partaker of final salvation, for He is the earnest of it (II Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:14).
 - A. The Spirit seals us "to the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30).
 - B. We must be aware of the presence of the Spirit in us.
 - C. Thus the Spirit is a most comforting presence ("Comforter," John 14:16).
 - D. Let us be careful not to "grieve" nor "quench" the Spirit (Eph. 4:30; I Thess. 5:19).