

Sermon Series: Romans

Sermon Text: Romans 8:9-11 Life from the Indwelling Spirit

The Spirit gives Christians the divine life of the age to come now.

1) The Christian lives in the atmosphere of the Spirit.

- a) “in”—sphere of existence; atmosphere
- b) “not in the flesh”—atmosphere of sin
- c) “in the Spirit”—atmosphere of God (“the Spirit” “Spirit of God” “Spirit of Christ”—Trinity)
- d) **Application:** City of Man vs. City of God

2) The Christian lives by the indwelling of the Spirit

- a) “the Spirit of God dwells in you”—temple ecclesiology; personal; permanent; penetrating
- b) “Christ is in you”
- c) **Application:**
 - i) Present salvation: body dead because of sin but Spirit life because of righteousness
 - ii) Future salvation: resurrection of the body

3) The Christian lives with the sealing of the Spirit

- a) “Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him”—conversely, those who belong to Christ do “have” the Spirit as gift, down payment, guarantee, and seal.
- b) **Application:**
 - i) The Spirit is not an optional “second blessing”
 - ii) Assurance of belonging to Christ
 - iii) Tangibly expressed in sacraments of Baptism and Lord’s Supper

Doxology: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. (Psalm 103:1-5)