

## The Indwelling Spirit

Romans 8:9-17; Coast Community Church; Jackson Tran; 7-9-17

- Promises in these verses:
  1. Although our bodies are dying, the Spirit will resurrect us (vv. 11)
  2. We are heirs with Christ through the Spirit and inherit the Kingdom with Jesus (vv. 17)
  
- What does it mean to be in the flesh? (vv. 5-8)
  1. It sets its mind on the things of the flesh
  2. The mind set on the flesh is death
  3. The set on the flesh is hostile to God (literally, enemies of God)
  4. Does not subject itself to the law of God
    - It is not even able to do so
  5. It cannot please God
  
- What does it mean to be in the Spirit?
  1. Sets its mind on the things of the Spirit
  2. That it is peace and life
  3. Allies with God
  4. Subjects itself to the law of God
    - Able to do so
  5. Can please God
  
- Heirs with Christ
  1. Paradoxical language of exclusivity of heir with the inclusivity of the Gospel
  2. Heir is someone who receives property or rank exclusive to his or her status
  3. Gospel's call is to **all** men and women
  4. Therefore, all men and women can be heirs
  
- The role of women in Jesus' time
- The Jewish/Gentile relationship in Jesus' time
- The Pharisees' prayer:
  1. God, thank you that I am a Jew and not a Gentile.
  2. God, thank you that I am free and not a slave.
  3. And lastly...God, thank you that I am a man and NOT a woman.
  
- Galatians 3:28, Paul defines for us, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." You are of one Spirit and therefore belong to Christ and heirs with Christ as adopted "sons" who are to inherit the Earth. That is one of the promises – the promise of inheritance.
  
- Two big "Ifs":
  - Christ's resurrection from the dead
  - The Holy Spirit's Indwelling
- 1. **Are you sure God raised Jesus from the dead?**
  - Without the resurrection of Jesus, we are fools (1 Cor. 15:13-14)

- Strobel shows us just how incredibly solid the Christian faith is. We can trust in Christ's historicity, his death and resurrection, based on the following lines of evidence:
  - a. Scientific evidence testifying to Christ's actual death on the cross and the impossibility of his resurrection short of a miracle
  - b. Vass eyewitness evidence that is undeniable
  - c. Documentary evidence that is more reliable than all other ancient texts in the world
  - d. Corroborating evidence from various sources

**2. Are you sure that the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you?**

1. Verse 13: Put to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit
2. Verse 14: Guided by the Spirit
3. Verse 15: Crying out "Abba! Father"
4. Verse 16-17: The willingness to follow Christ in suffering

- **How do I accept the Spirit?**
- Galatians 3:2 states, "You did not receive the Spirit by works of the law, but by hearing with faith."
  - Therefore, have faith in Jesus's life, death, and resurrection for your sins so that you may trust in the promise of – eternal life with God
- **Sanctification – Works**
  - A believer and God each have a role in **sanctification**
  - It must occur by the Spirit and his power, but you put to death shows that one must take an active role in battling sinful habits and doing the good work for which we were made
- Four applications for sanctification
  1. **Putting to death sin (vv 13)**
  2. **Praying (vv 14)**
  3. **Reading the Bible (vv 15)**
  4. **Suffer for Him (vv 16-17)**