

## Session #27: **“THE SPIRIT IS LIFE!”— Romans 8:9-11**

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

### Questions:

- Do you think when a person seriously questions whether they are born again, is it a sign of an unbeliever or confirmation that the person is a believer?
- Is it correct to divide Christians among the “Spirit-filled” and the “non-Spirit-filled.”
- How do you know that you have the Spirit – Has the Spirit led you to Jesus? Has the Spirit put in you the desire to honor Jesus? Is the Spirit leading you to be more like Jesus? Is the Spirit at work in your heart? Does the Spirit dwell, reside and rule in you?
- Who sealed you with the Holy Spirit? Is it your believing? Is it your acknowledgement of the Holy Spirit? Is it your performance?
- How would you explain that the confidence of those who walk in the Spirit is based on the presence, righteousness and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

THE **PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS** OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20

Principle #2 - JUSTIFICATION - 3:21-5:21

Principle #3 - SANCTIFICATION - 6:1-7:25

- Principle #4 - SECURITY - 8:1-39

- 1A. **GIVEN BY THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** - ROMANS 8:1-17

The word “*Spirit*” appears 505 times in the Bible, of which 261 times are in the NT. The term “*Holy Spirit*” is found 3 times in the OT, but 94 times in the NT. The phrase “*Spirit of God*” appears 26 times in the Bible, of which 12 times are in the NT. When “the” definite article appears in front of the word - “*the Spirit*” it usually refers to the Holy Spirit - used 275 times in the Bible, and 163 times in the NT.

1B. As to the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of the law - 8:1-4

- 2B. **As to the REALITY of the flesh - 8:5-13**

1C. The **Characteristics** of those who walk after the flesh - 5-8

- **2C. The Confidence for those who walk in the Spirit - 9-11**

The word “*Spirit*” appears 21 times in ch. 8 - **Our confidence is based** on the **following three things**:

- 1D. The **presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is crucial** to our “confidence
- 2D. The **principle of righteousness is essential** as well
- 3D. The **power of the Spirit brings us great confidence** concerning the future

Rom 8:9 **But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed (since) the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**

1D. **The presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is crucial to our “confidence” – 9 - “if so be” - if and it is so!**

1E. The **contrast is powerful** - “*But*” - Greek *alla*

2E. The **connection to Jesus Christ is essential** (“*Christ in you the hope of Glory*”) – **cf. John 14:16-18; John 16:5-8**

Rom 8:10 **And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.**

2D. **The principle of righteousness is essential as well** - 10

1E. Sin brings death - “*the body is dead because of sin*”

2E. Righteousness brings life - "*the Spirit is life because of righteousness*" - cf. John 6:63; 2 Cor. 3:6

Rom 8:11 ***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.***

3D. The power of the Spirit brings us great confidence concerning the future – 11  
(verses 18-25 of this chapter will expand this verse!)  
cf. Eph. 1:19-20 - the Father  
cf. John 10:18 - the Son  
cf. Rom. 8:11 - the Spirit

### NOTES REGARDING THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- 1A. THE IDENTITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CRUCIAL TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
He is not a "force" or an "it" - two things are clear:
  - 1B. He is GOD - Acts 5:3-4 - cf. Gen. 1:2; 2:7; Job 26:13; 33:4; 34:14-15
    - 1C. He is the "eternal" Spirit - Heb. 9:14
    - 2C. He knows what God alone knows - 1 Cor. 2:10-11 – omniscient
    - 3C. We cannot escape His presence - Psa. 139:7-10 - omnipresent
    - 4C. He is included in the "NAME" of the Lord - Matt. 28:19 – name is singular!
  - 2B. He is a real PERSON - John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-14
    - 1C. He has a mind - Rom. 8:27
    - 2C. He has emotions - Eph. 4:30
    - 3C. He has a will - 1 Cor. 12:11
- 2A. HIS INFLUENCE UPON THE UNBELIEVER IS CLEAR
  - 1B. He convicts them - John 16:8-11
  - 2B. Unbelievers can "resist" the Holy Spirit - Acts 7:51
  - 3B. Unbelievers can "insult" the Holy Spirit - Heb. 10:26-29
- 3A. HIS INDWELLING OF THE BELIEVER IS ESSENTIAL  
John 14:17; (*outside of them but working in them!*- "*shall be*") Romans 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19-20
  - 1B. We are "regenerated" or "born again" by the Holy Spirit - John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5 - A radical change in your DNA. Being born again is a real big deal!
  - 2B. We are "sealed" by the Holy Spirit - 2 Cor. 1:20-22 (*God establishes us in Christ and has anointed us and also sealed us and given the Spirit in our hearts as guarantee*; Eph. 1:13-14 (engagement ring) – it's not your believing it nor is it your acknowledgement nor is it your performance.
  - 3B. We are "baptized" (*overwhelmed, being controlled or filled*) by the Holy Spirit into the body of Jesus Christ ("by one Spirit") - 1 Cor. 12:13
- 4A. HIS IMPACT UPON THE BELIEVER IS GREATLY NEEDED
  - 1B. For wisdom and understanding - Ex. 28:3; 31:3; Acts 6:3; 1 Cor. 2:10-16; James 1:5
  - 2B. For comfort and encouragement - John 14:16 ("*another Comforter*"); Romans 8:16, 26
  - 3B. For the use of spiritual gifts - 1 Cor. 12:4-11; (The church in Corinth was carnal, even w gifts.) Everyone is needed!
  - 4B. For spiritual power and witness - Acts 1:8; 4:31-33; Eph. 3:14-16, 20 - "*to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.*"
  - 5B. For spiritual responses - Eph. 5:18-21
  - 6B. For control of sinful desires - Gal. 5:16 "*Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*"