

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

Romans 8:14-25

Introduction

We were not introduced to the Holy Spirit until chapter 8. However, looking back we can see His involvement in our sanctification since the beginning of chapter 6. The opportunity given to the Holy Spirit to indwell the believer is only made possible by the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the one responsible for applying the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to our lives so that we are made new creatures in Christ.

1. In Christ, the Holy Spirit forever separates the believer from sin, and permanently connects the believer with God. Romans 5:20-6:14
2. In Christ, the Holy Spirit forever makes us slaves to righteousness instead of sin. Romans 6:15-23
3. In Christ, the Holy Spirit applies the complete fulfillment of the Law of God to the believer. Romans 8:1-4
4. In Christ, the Holy Spirit is always leading the believer. Romans 8:5-14
5. In Christ, the Holy Spirit adopts the believer as a full grown child of God with all rights and privileges. Romans 8:15-17
6. In Christ, the Holy Spirit assures us of future glorification. Romans 8:18-25
7. In Christ, the Holy Spirit helps us pray. Romans 8:26-27
8. In Christ, the Holy Spirit keeps us in God's Love for all eternity. Romans 8:28-39

The Holy Spirit is Always Leading the Believer

14 For as many as are led G71; *lead, bring, drive, go, pass (time), induce*. Here in the passive voice and present tense indicating a continuous action that is done to you with no effort on your part. **by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.** Those in-dwelt by the Holy Spirit and whose time is spent being pulled, pushed, accompanied, and influenced by Him are the children of God. Matthew 4:1, Luke 4:1, Jesus was led by the Spirit. Romans 8:14, The sons (true, legitimate, born again children of God) are led by the Spirit.

Galatians 5:18, Those led by the Spirit are free from the Law.

The Holy Spirit Adopts the Believer

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Holy Spirit hasn't just made us willing and able servants of God, but He has adopted us as God's own children. Our relationship with God isn't that of a fearful servant with a harsh master, but rather a child with a loving Father. **16 The Spirit itself** The Holy Spirit is not an it, but the translators were correctly following the rules of Greek grammar. However, Himself is the better translation as you find in the MEV. **beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.** The Holy Spirit gives assurance to our spirit that we are God's children; and not only children, but heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ. Roman law made adopted children equal heirs with the natural born ones.

The *if* here in the Greek assumes the fact. It could be stated *since we suffer with him*. Our inheritance is that we will be glorified with Christ in the resurrection. This glory is spoken of in *1 Corinthians 15:41-49 (KJV) There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. [42] So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: [43] It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: [44] It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a*

natural body, and there is a spiritual body. [45] And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. [46] Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. [47] The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. [48] As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. [49] And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

In eternity Christ's glory will be seen in us as His spotless bride. Revelation 19:7-8 (KJV) *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. [8] And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

The Holy Spirit Assures the Believer of Future Glorification

18 For I reckon G3049 to calculate **that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.** Paul calculates that the glory we receive in eternity far outweighs the suffering in this present life. **19 For the earnest expectation of the creature** In verses 19-21, *creature* means *creation* and is translated as such in YLT, LITV, and MEV. **waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.** The creation is personified and pictured as waiting for the complete redemption of the children of God. **20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,** The *him* in this verse refers the God, it was God's will to curse creation on account of Adam's sin. Genesis 3:17 (KJV) *And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.* The eternal hope of the creation is connected with that of the children of God. Both will realize complete redemption in eternity. Revelation 21:1-4 (KJV) *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. [2] And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3] And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. [4] And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.* Every element of creation suffers together waiting on the day of redemption. Likewise we that have received the Holy Spirit suffer awaiting the day we receive our glorified bodies. Receiving the Holy Spirit is the first part of our salvation. His indwelling is our promise from God of complete redemption. Ephesians 1:13-14 (KJV) *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, [14] Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. 2 Corinthians 1:22 (KJV) Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Corinthians 5:5 (KJV) Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.* Christian salvation is built upon our hope and faith in the promise of God's word. Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

