

“Life in the Spirit” (Part 1)

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What are the peculiar roles that the Holy Spirit plays in the life of the Christian? The Apostle Paul clearly answers this question in Romans; and especially in Chapter 8. In short, he teaches that the roles of the Holy Spirit are fivefold. It could be said that the Holy Spirit helps us by...

- Convicting—the unbeliever of sin and his/her need for the Lord
- Converting—the sinner by giving the gifts of faith and repentance
- Contributing—spiritual gifts to the believer for serving Christ
- Confirming—the believer through the assurance of salvation
- Consoling—the believer in the midst of doubts, fears, and trials

Therefore, as we progress through Romans let us be on the lookout for these five roles as they flow out of the text. Keep in mind that Paul’s teaching is parallel to that given by Jesus Christ in John 3 and 14-16. Remember also that those whose hearts have been regenerated by the Spirit are expected to produce fruit that lasts (John 15:5, 8, 16; Ephesians 2:10).

The Main Point of this Sermon:

“Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” Romans 8:8

Life in the Spirit is exemplified by...

1. Walking by the Spirit, (vs. 3-4)

2. Being Mindful of the Spirit, (vs. 5-6)

3. Mortifying your Fleshly Desires, (vs. 7a)

4. Submitting to God’s Law, (vs. 7b)

5. Endeavoring to Please God, (vs. 8)

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(3) For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, (4) in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (5) For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. (6) To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. (7) For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law, indeed, it cannot. (8) Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Next Week’s Sermon: Romans 8:9-11

“Life in the Spirit” (Part 2)