



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Discover 101** – We are excited to hold our next Discovery 101 class on Sunday, November 12 from 3-7 pm. If you are interested in learning more about Southwinds and want to become a member of our church, join us to be introduced to the beliefs, strategy, structure and vision that serve as the foundation of Southwinds. Sign up above or email Rene Snyder at rsnyder@southwinds.org with questions. Childcare and a light meal provided.
- **Operation Christmas Child** – Boxes available in the Kids area starting on Nov. 5 or fill your own shoebox. Filled boxes returned no later than Sunday, Nov. 19! Suggestions: toys, socks, toiletries, hard candy. Pick up brochure with box to pay online and track your box.
- **Baptism** – The Bible teaches that baptism is an act of obedience after making a commitment to Christ. Baptism allows a believer to declare to the world their heart-felt commitment to Christ. Join us for this month's Baptism Sunday, December 3rd at 3 pm, as we celebrate the proclamation of faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you want to be baptized, please sign up on the app, or call the office and someone can answer your questions.
- **EA Family Toy Drive** – EA Family Services is a non-profit foster family agency that services over 200 children in foster care throughout the Central Valley. Please bring new, unwrapped toys/items to the barrel in the Administration/Kids' building to be distributed to the children. Please call the office with questions.

MY STORY

What would it be like in the weeks and months ahead, if a particular sin in your life was just not really there?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Have a Volunteer Read: Romans 8:12-13; 1 Corinthians 2:13-14; Ephesians 6:17

Point #1: The Holy Spirit gives us a NEW POWER.

“Romans 8 is about how central the Holy Spirit is to our lives. He gives us power that changes our lives every day. So what’s this power about? Roman’s 8:12 tells us The Spirit gives us power to put sin to death. Paul begins Romans 8:12 by saying we are not debtors to the flesh. What does that mean? It means we don’t owe the flesh anything. Living by the Spirit means we’re putting sin to death.” – Michael Nolen

What does putting sin to death look like in your life?

“So we fight sin, but Paul makes it clear that we fight sin by the Spirit. We cannot put sin to death in our own strength.” – Michael Nolen

Insights to fight sin:

- **We must take action** – It’s active, not passive. We don’t just sit around, waiting for something to happen. We must act.
- **We look to the Spirit for wisdom and power** - We don’t just say no – Putting sin to death always involves saying “no”, but that’s not all. Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
- **We replace sin, not just remove it** – You cannot destroy love for the world by merely demonstrating its emptiness.

What insight about how to fight sin was most helpful for you?

Discuss ways you can put sin to death by the Spirit.

Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 8:14-16

Point #2: The Holy Spirit gives us a NEW IDENTITY.

“Our new identity is... we’re God children. Not only is there no condemnation over you, not only are you set free by the Spirit of life, but now you are also a child of God. Paul is demonstrating the beauty of God’s grace. It’s not only that we’re no longer punished for our sins, but part of the beauty of God’s grace is we’ve become part of God’s family. Our relationship is radically different. Not the slavery of fear anymore, because our new relationship with God thorough Christ is no longer based on performance or the law.”

– Michael Nolen

What does God’s adoption of you reveal about God’s attitude toward you?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 8:17; 1 John 3:2

Point #3: The Holy Spirit gives us a NEW FUTURE.

“That the beauty of the gospel is not only that your sins are forgiven, but at the end of the day, the ultimate inheritance is that you get God.... in all his beauty and glory... and as you bask in his beauty, in perfect intimacy with him, you become everything he intended for you to be.”

– Michael Nolen

How should being an “heir to God” change the way you live today?

“And this is part of life in the Spirit. Paul says that we’re fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him... which means this... that to be a follower of Jesus in the world means not only that you’ve been forgiven your sins... adopted into God’s family... the Spirit of life is within you, so you can defeat the power of sin by the power of the Holy Spirit. And this suffering, in some strange and hard and painful way... is a part of his plan for the glory of his name.”

– **Michael Nolen**

And yet in the midst of it all God has sovereignly promised to sustain us, that at the end of the day, the scoreboard in heaven is fixed. – **Michael Nolen**

In what ways does God’s attitude toward us reframe our suffering?

APPLICATION

Discuss with someone this week how the realities that Paul describes impact the way you navigate seasons of difficulty.

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS