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The Indwelling Holy Spirit - Part 2

Romans 8:11-17

In Romans 8:5-11 we learned the Holy Spirit is the source for living the victorious Christian life! As we continue, Paul now wants to help us understand what you receive when the Holy Spirit lives in you. Twice in verse 11 we are told the Holy Spirit “dwells in you.” Verse 12 begins with “so then.” Paul is saying, as a believer, the Holy Spirit lives in you and because the Holy Spirit lives in you there are guarantees you are given as a believer. Today we will answer the question:

What do you receive when the Holy Spirit lives in you?

Last week, we learned: The Holy Spirit is the source for living the victorious Christian life!

Key thought from Romans 8:11-17: God’s promise of the indwelling Holy Spirit gives you guarantees!

1. THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT PROVIDES YOU WITH THE POWER TO PUT SIN TO DEATH! (verses 11-13)

Romans 8:9 (NASB95) However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

a. You have a new Lord!

b. You have a new life!

2. THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT CONFIRMS YOUR ADOPTION INTO GOD’S FAMILY! (verses 14-16)

It is a basic truth of the gospel that a person must be born again before he can be viewed as a child of God! (*John 1:11-13; 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 1 John 3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18*)



a. Adoption into God's family means you will be led by the Holy Spirit. (verse 14)

b. Adoption into God's family means you are given liberty to access the Father. (verses 15-16)

3. THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT GUARANTEES YOU ARE AN HEIR OF GOD! (verse 17)

The term heirs of God emphasizes our relationship to God the Father. As His children, we have "an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade... kept in heaven" (1 Peter 1:4). The Greek term translated "heirs" in Romans 8:17 refers to "those who receive their allotted possession by right of sonship." In other words, because God has made us His children (see John 1:12), we have full rights to receive His inheritance. We are His beneficiaries (see Matthew 25:34; Galatians 3:29; Colossians 1:12; 3:24).

a. Your inheritance includes the blessing of God's presence.

(John 15:18–21; 2 Corinthians 4:16–17; 1 Corinthians 12:26; Philippians 3:7–11)

2 Corinthians 1:5 (NASB95) For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

b. Your inheritance includes the fulfillment of God's promises!

(2 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 15:23; Colossians 3:4; 1 John 3:2; 1 Peter 1:3-7)

TAKE AWAY:

- Live yielded to the Lordship of Jesus Christ every day!
- Live confident that you are a child of God!
- Live with the assurance that God is with you!
- Live with the assurance you will one day share in God's glory!