

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.  
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

## Romans 8:9-11

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“WHAT SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU?”**

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology  
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

### SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Grace, Flesh, Holy Spirit, Demonic Spirits, Children of God, Indwelling

## **WHAT SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU?**

**The Purpose of the Human Being.**

**The Condition of the Human Being.**

**The State of the Human Being.**

### **Romans 8:9-11**

**But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if (since) indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if (since) 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.**

Notice with me how often the Holy Spirit –  
in authoring the Holy Scriptures, uses here the preposition **“IN”**.

**“IN”** – meaning (1) to be placed into or to be fixed or positioned **IN** a particular place both **IN** time and space. (2) **IN** those days or at that time. Also, (3) **IN** as in being put in a safe location or in a desired place)

**Each of the 3 points that we have in this section**  
codifies, secures – makes certain that the true believer/follower of Christ Jesus  
has and knows that he has Eternal Life !

With respect to the assurance of salvation - there are 4 types of people;

- (1) There are those who are not saved, and they know that they're not saved because they do not believe in the need to be saved. These are they who are in a state of condemnation.
- (2) Some are saved, and they celebrate having the full assurance of their salvation. They know that they are living in an active state of grace with God and they know they are secure in Jesus Christ alone!
- (3) Some are in fact saved but they are emotionally insecure of their salvation in Christ - Their souls are unnecessarily fearful, they are restless and often troubled even though they are secure in Christ, yet they fail to enjoy Him.
- (4) Some are not saved, but think they are saved. They have convinced themselves of their "assurance of salvation" based upon "another gospel" meaning or understanding, thus their assurance is a false assurance.

### WHAT SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU ?

1.) Is it the Spirit of Comfort? vs. 9

1a.) Is He the Spirit who Confirms? vs. 9a

Romans 8:9a

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit

What do I mean by "Confirms"?

What does His Confirmation do for you?

**It shows us the distinction between the 2 worlds**

Galatians 4:8

Indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods.

Flesh

grk: sarx

The bodily existence, the bodily condition, the body or flesh of the human

**"But You are No Longer In The Flesh"**

The Statement is both one of Position and Practice.

Because the follower of Christ is not in the flesh, he does not practice the things of the flesh.

## **The Real Christian lives, moves, and dwells in a reality**

that is Spirit-based. According to the Scriptures our true existence is in the spiritual realm. The Bible says that our citizenship, our true identity – is recorded, reserved, and realized from heaven.

### **Breaking News Flash -**

**This world as is – is not our home and we can feel that.**

**Abraham longed for a city whose builder and maker**

is God - **and so do we.** - - this is why we eagerly await His coming.

**In**      **grk: en**

denoting position by intention or instrumentality as in being planned, to be placed or set within.  
(an encompassing, overwhelming immersion into)

**Spirit**      **grk: pneuma**

wind, spirit, the breath – as in the breath of life or life-giving breath

**Ephesians 2:22**

**In whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.**

**1 Corinthians 3:16**

**Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?**

**2 Timothy 1:14**

**That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.**

**Ephesians 1:13**

**In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,**

## **IS IT THE SPIRIT OF COMFORT ?**

**WHAT SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU ?**

**1b.) Is He the Spirit who Possesses?**

**vs. 9b**

**Romans 8:9b**

**if (since) indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.**

**Dwells**      **grk: oikeo**

Live in, to inhabit, to move into, to take or to make residence.

**The Spirit of God dwelling IN you is no small event.**

**John 14:15-18**

**“If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.**

**John 14:23**

**Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.**

**John 14:25-28**

**“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 You have heard Me say to you, “I am going away and coming back to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.**

**John 15:7-8**

**If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**

**John 15:16**

**You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.**

**John 15:26-27**

**“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.**

**John 16:5-14**

**“But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.**

**John 16:16**

**“A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.” (resurrection & pentecost)**

## **The Holy Spirit is the Author of the Holy Bible**

**Acts 1:7-8**

**And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

**Acts 19:1-7**

**And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” :3 And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.” 4 Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. 7 Now the men were about twelve in all.**

**John 20:19-22**

**Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.**

**Ezekiel 36:26-27**

**I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.**

**Can you say today with confidence and assurance that –  
God the Holy Spirit possesses your life.**

# IS IT THE SPIRIT OF COMFORT ?

WHAT SPIRIT LIVES IN YOU ?

1c.) Is He the Spirit who Reveals ?

vs. 9c

**Romans 8:9c**

**Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**

**To the Believer He says (again)**

**John 14:17b-18**

**17b You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.**

**18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.**

**The Danger of Spiritual Vacancy – You’re an Open House.**

“A Christian by profession only is he who has no sensitivity to the things of God, no “holy affections”, for he does not belong to God. Nor does a merely professing Christian have a battle with his fleshly appetites, because he is still naturally inclined toward the things of his flesh. He is concerned about satisfying himself by the indulgence of his own pursuits. He longs for the things of the flesh, which are normal to him, because he is still in the flesh.

His mind wholly set on the things of this world.”

Aurelius Augustinus (Augustine) of Hippo

370 ad.

(a grave warning about what we are seeing as a staff both locally and beyond. A time most active and obvious in the manifestation of demonic activity in 30 + years of ministry)

**Jesus gave warning.**

**Matthew 12:43-45**

**“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. 44 Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”**

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