

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?” – Part 2

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

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What Spirit Lives In You?

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.

In one of the last interviews given by A.W. Tozer, the question was asked, “*What is the greatest need the church has today?*” To that Tozer replied, “*The Greatest need is and will increasingly be the churches’ ability to discern between the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.*”

2 Peter 2:1-3

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy,

1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

What Spirit Lives In You ?

1.) Is it the Spirit of Comfort?

vs. 9

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.

1a.) Is He the Spirit who Confirms?

vs. 9a

1b.) Is He the Spirit who Possesses?

vs. 9b

1c.) Is He the Spirit who Reveals?

vs. 9c

Knowing This – That It is the Will of God that you and I
know and experience His reality of Comfort and Belonging
in The Forever Family of God

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

Galatians 4:6

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Mark 14:36

And Jesus said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

And so we pick it up here...

What Spirit Lives In You ?

2.) Is it the Spirit of Life?

vs. 10

Romans 8:10

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Verse 10a

Romans 8:10a
And if Christ is in you

**The indwelling ministry of Jesus Christ is executed, carried out,
By The Person of the Holy Spirit.**

1. You are **no longer your own.** - (family)
2. You are **no longer under the Law of God** - (grace empower)
3. You are **no longer subject to fear** – (His greater love has cast out all fear)
4. You are **no longer of this world** – (the increasing awareness of separation)

Illustration

As you and I sit here today, the news surrounding man's development of **AI – artificial intelligence** is advancing so quickly that now just one week passing shows an exponential growth and AI information and development that is of great concern...

What spirit lives inside the unit?

1 Corinthians 10:18-20

Observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? 19 What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? 20 Rather, that the things which the unbelievers sacrifice to, they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

What is remarkable is that what man has created from his available resources is something smarter than us, more intelligent than us, and able to do things that we could not have even imagined.

That Discernment is Needed Now

John 8:34-36

Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Without the Son there's No Real Life

Galatians 5:16-18

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Here comes the "IN" word that must always be understood...

Verse 10a

Romans 8:10a
And if Christ is in you

Look at the Qualifier – IF or better yet, SINCE Christ is IN you. there is no question about position. There is no room for doubt.

Is It The Spirit of Life?

What Spirit Lives In You ?

2b.) Is He the Spirit who Indwells?

vs. 10b

Romans 8:10a
And if Christ is in you

Romans 8:10b
the body is dead because of sin

The problem with man is – man is the problem.

Wait a minute - how is it that my "body is dead?"

It is dead because of what it is and where it is.

Our, yet to be redeemed human bodies - are still subject to the Law of Sin which is death. The human body is the last part of us that will experience Christ's work of full redemption.

To Remedy Our Appointment with Death and Hell,
God revealed to us His eternal plan.

He is the **Promised** 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 (I) will cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

“Can you say today with confidence that –
God the Holy Spirit Indwells your body and controls the issues of your life?

He’s the **Life-Giving** Holy Spirit

Romans 8:2

For the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

So what Does being Born Again, or Re-Born,
or This Second Birth do to me?

Romans 5:21

Sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

He is the **Active** Holy Spirit

John 17:23

I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

He is the **Sanctifying** Holy Spirit

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

He is the **Working** Holy Spirit

Ephesians 3:17-19

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

He is the **Securing** Holy Spirit

Philippians 1:23

For I am hard-pressed between the two,
having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

He is the **Positioning** Holy Spirit

Colossians 1:27

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

He is the **Gracious** Holy Spirit

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

He is the **Perfecting** Holy Spirit

Hebrews 12:23

To the general assembly and church of the Firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

He is the **Overwhelming** Holy Spirit

John 4:14

but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

He is the **Satisfying** Holy Spirit

John 7:37-39

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Holy Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

JESUS BREATHED ON THEM

The Gospel was 1st preached to the Jew and the Nation of Israel. Some Jews believed, Most Jews ignored Him, and as a Nation, they rejected Him.
But upon those who did believe – they were transformed forever.

He is the **Indwelling** Holy Spirit

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. (the first born again experience recorded in scripture)

Is It The Spirit of Life?

What Spirit Lives In You ?

2c.) Is He the Spirit who Purifies?

vs. 10c

Verse 10c

Romans 8:10c

but the (S)pirit is life because of righteousness

He is the **Purifying** Holy Spirit

Philippians 3:7-9

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found

in Him, not having my own righteousness (-), which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness (+) which is from God by faith;

Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse
tells of a night when he and his wife went on a date
which kept them out till midnight.

“When we came home, we were surprised to see frustration upon the face of the baby-sitter and so I asked her what was wrong? The babysitter answered by saying that their daughter had been crying for almost 4 hours. And so, I headed upstairs to her room to find her red-faced and sobbing. I asked her what could possibly be troubling her so. Our little girl responded by saying; *“Daddy, tell me it isn’t true. Tell me it isn’t true.”* I asked her, Is what not true? to that she said, *“The babysitter told me that when I am bad you don’t love me. - Daddy, tell me it isn’t true.”* I took her up into my arms and pressed her close to me and said *“My dear girl; I always love you. When you are good, I love you with the love that makes me glad and when you are bad, I love you with the love that makes me sad – but I always love you whether good or bad. I am daddy forever.”*

Matthew 11:27-30

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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