

What We Believe

ROMANS

The Assurance of the Spirit

Rom.8:9-17

- Spirit set us free or released us from sin and death (v.2)
- Spirit of God lives in us; he indwells us (v. 9)
- Spirit gives us life (v.11)
- Spirit leads us to live a holy life (v.13, 14)
- Spirit affirms that we are the children of God (v.16)
- Spirit intercedes for us, assisting us in our prayers (v.26)

1. The Holy Spirit indwells us

'And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ' (v.10)

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‘Your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God.’ (1 Cor.6:19)

‘Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance.’ (Eph.1:13,14)

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“The Spirit is an initial and universal blessing, received when we first repent and believe in Jesus”

John Stott

‘The Message of Romans’



Consequences of the indwelling Spirit

- *'the Spirit gives life'* (v.10)
- *'an obligation'* (v.12)

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“The moment we enter into this world and begin to live, we also begin to die. Your first breath is one of the last you will ever take!... the principle of decay, leading to death, is in every one of us.”

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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*'Your body is subject to death **because of sin**, the Spirit gives life **because of righteousness.**' (v.10)*

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'And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies.' (v.11)

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‘What we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.’ (1 Jn.3:2)

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'If by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.' (v.13)

'In order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us.' (v.4)

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‘Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.’ (Gal.5:16)

‘The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.’ (Gal.5:19-21)

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'Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.'

(Rom.5:1)

'There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.' (Rom.8:1)

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For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ...

(Rom.8:14-17)

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Through the Spirit –

- we have been led, because we are God's children (v.14)
- we have received 'adoption' as sons (v.15)
- we call God 'Abba, Father' (v.15)
- we are assured of our relationship as children (v.16)
- we are heirs of God (v.17)



JFK & JFK jnr. in Oval Office

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“When Jesus returns to take the scepter of universal government, we will share with him the title deeds to all the Father's wealth.”

William MacDonald

'Believer's Bible Commentary'

'See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! ...now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.'

1 Jn.3:1,2