

“Grace & Peace to You”

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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ROMANS LESSON 50 PART 1: “THE SPIRIT THAT DWELLS IN YOU”

ROMANS 8:9-11 *You, however, are not in THE FLESH but in THE SPIRIT, if in fact THE SPIRIT OF GOD dwells in you. Anyone who does not have THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST does not belong to him.¹⁰ But if CHRIST is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, THE SPIRIT is life because of righteousness.¹¹ If THE SPIRIT of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through HIS SPIRIT who dwells in you.*

I love Paul’s opening declaration in this section: **YOU are NOT in the Flesh!**

There is so much Paul will present that builds upon this phrase, that adds to this truth, and that establishes a confident NEW manner of life for the Believer... *“You, however, are not in The Flesh.”*

The revelation that immediately follows opens a flood of truth, *“but in the Spirit.”*

So... what does that mean, how do I know, how does it help?

Last week we ended with this declaration of VERSE 9 *“You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.”*

With this Paul presents TWO-Contrasting condition of the Believers Life:

➤ **You Are NOT...**

Paul starts with what we are NOT. It is absolutely essential that the Believer recognize THIS truth.

- *“In the flesh...”* in this context means **living as one who is under the controlling influence of the Flesh ... as you were BEFORE you were saved (made righteous through faith in Jesus Christ).**
- We were subject to Death because of Sin, and thereby subject to THE LAW
- The Old-Nature ruled our life, and THE LAW condemned our failures.
- BUT you are NOT *“in the flesh”* any longer.
- You *“died with Christ”* and are now “freed” from that bondage:
 - to the Flesh > to THE LAW > To Sin > to Death
- Therefore, **STOP living as one who is in bondage to The Flesh > THE LAW.**

➤ **But You ARE...**

Here is the NEW reality... THIS is what you ARE

- *“In the Spirit...”* means **one whose life is under the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit**
- This Spirit has been made to dwell in us because of our faith in Jesus Christ
- It is the Spirit that *“helps us”* live according to God’s Righteous demands as we follow His lead
- The Spirit will lead us to *“life and peace”* as we set our minds upon His direction

ROM 8:9-10 *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.*

- Anyone who does not have... does not belong... –
 - IF you have the Spirit, you belong... – you are “saved / redeemed / made righteous / you are indeed a Believer
 - IF you DO NOT have the Spirit, you don’t belong... – you are NOT saved...
 - EVERYONE who has been justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ HAS the Spirit
- The Holy Spirit is the “Identifying Factor” in the Life of the Believer
 - He is the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of Christ
 - It is the Spirit that makes the presence of Christ known IN and THROUGH the Believer

ROMANS LESSON 50 PART 2: “THE SPIRIT THAT DWELLS IN YOU”

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Who IS this Holy Spirit that now becomes so vital to our Life of Righteousness (Sanctification)?

Paul variously lists Him as: **THE SPIRIT**; **THE SPIRIT OF LIFE**; **THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST**; **THE SPIRIT OF GOD**.

Before we can appreciate Paul’s application of the Spirit’s involvement in our lives, let us consider the work of this One who Jesus called, **THE HELPER**.

JOHN 14:16-17 *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **HELPER**, to be with you forever, **HELPER** – “Parakletes / Parakaleo” – One who “calls from the side” to aid, assist, help. The purpose is to influence you to courage, strength, knowledge – a “Coach”*

¹⁷ *even **THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

14:26 *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 that I have said to you.*

JOHN 16:7-15 *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 go, I will send him to you.*

⁸ *And when HE comes, HE will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:*

⁹ *concerning **sin**, because they do not believe in me;*

¹⁰ *concerning **righteousness**, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;*

¹¹ *concerning **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 When **THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH** comes, HE will guide you into all the truth, for HE will not speak on his own authority, but whatever HE hears HE will speak, and HE will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ HE will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore, I said that HE will take what is mine and declare it to you.*

1 COR 12:4-11 *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same SPIRIT; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same LORD; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same GOD who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the SPIRIT for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the SPIRIT the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same SPIRIT, ⁹ to another faith by the same SPIRIT, to another gifts of healing by the one SPIRIT, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same SPIRIT, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.*

MADE ALIVE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

ROM 8:11 *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

When the Holy Spirit is made to dwell in us at the New Birth He will “quicken our mortal bodies.” To quicken means to “make alive / give life to” what was without life.

There are 3-Aspects of this “quicken^{ing}” power of the Holy Spirit.

NOTICE that the context is in reference to our “Mortal Bodies” – not our “Inner Nature”

➤ **At the New Birth –**

- The Spirit’s presence gives us the ability to “Live” the life God has called us to
- Although our “outer being” has not been changed, we can “rule our members... put to death the deeds of the flesh... yield ourselves to righteousness... walk in the Spirit

➤ **During our “days” on earth –**

- By implication, since our inner man has been recreated in God’s image, our natural flesh can draw life from the Spirit that is within...
- We no longer live under the “curse” of sickness and death and can live a life to His glory
- God’s desire to remove sickness was established in the Ministry of Jesus... **ACTS 10:38**

➤ **At our “Resurrection” –**

- “When He appears, we shall be LIKE Him...” **1 JN 3:2**
- He will “change this vile body to be like His glorious body...” **PHIL 3:21**
- “In a moment... we will be changed...” **1 COR 15:51**