

Be Reformed – Open the bible: study, dig and ask what the main point of the passage is

Be Charismatic – Expect the Holy Spirit: ask God to speak, minister, build up and lead us to maturity

Be Community – Love God's people: share vulnerably, apply, pray and build each other up

Be Missional – Win the world: apply lessons to outreach, make content accessible to non-Christians

Romans 8:1-17

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 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.

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Study Guide 11 September 2011 The Person of the Holy Spirit



Summary

This passage is about the person of the Holy Spirit, whose primary role is as the applier of the work that God planned and Christ accomplished for us. We will see three main aspects of the Holy Spirit's work in this passage, which is: 1) affirming our righteousness in Christ, 2) empowering us to put to death the flesh and live for God, and 3) affirming us as children of God.

This message aims to establish who the Holy Spirit is and understand His primary role in applying Christ's work. We will want to establish this before looking at His work as the giver of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which we will be covering over the next two weeks.

Key points

The Holy Spirit applies Christ's finished work of salvation to our hearts and lives.

Questions

- >>What does this passage teach me about the Holy Spirit? Is there something new I have learnt?
- >>What does this passage teach me about myself?
- >>What is a godly reaction to the Holy Spirit convicting me of sin?
- >>What is this passage compelling me to change about my life?

Final thoughts

The work of the Holy Spirit changes us into Christ's image.