

## The Power of the Spirit

**Read:** Romans 8:1-17

**Main idea:** The gospel of Jesus Christ makes possible a brand new way of life for the believer—life lived abundantly in and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Key Verses:** “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.” **(8:11 ESV)**

### Key Principles:

- Because believers died with Christ, the law has no more power to condemn the believer for violation of God’s standards.
- Though the power of sin is still present, the Holy Spirit frees the believer from being controlled by what this appetite desires.
- God’s salvation brings us from being condemned enemies of God to being perfected sons and daughters of God.
- If the Spirit is leading you toward Christlikeness, you have the assurance that you are God’s child.
- Because the Spirit assures us, through the promises of Scripture, that we are fully loved by our Father and fully protected in him, we are set free from slavery and fear.
- Remember that the heart of the gospel, the blessing that comes with all these benefits, is a relationship with God.

### Discussion:

1. What does this passage teach us about the work of the Holy Spirit? What about the power of the Spirit? How does that affect us?
2. What has the Spirit of life done for all Christians that the law could not do? Why is this significant? Is the power of the Spirit available to all Christians?
3. How does Romans 8:1-17 release you from feelings of condemnation? How about slavery and fear?
4. What practical steps can we take to have our minds “set on the things of the Spirit?”
5. How does Paul describe the identity of the believer in Romans 8:14-17? What is the significance of being children of God? What about heirs with Christ?

### Prayer:

- Pray that we would remember our identity as children of God and heirs with Christ.
- Pray:
  - o That we would find peace every day in the fact that we have freedom in Christ.
  - o That we would be led by the Spirit not by our desires or the control of sin.
  - o For those in our church, families and neighborhoods that still live by the flesh.

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Romans 8:1-17

- I. You can be set free from condemnation. 8:1-4**
  - 1. Christ frees you from sin. 8:1-2
  - 2. Christ frees you for obedience. 8:3-4
  
- II. You can be set free from your flesh. 8:5-11**
  - 1. Your flesh leads to death. 8:5-8
  - 2. God's Spirit leads to life. 8:9-11
  
- III. You can be set free to live. 8:12-17**
  - 1. Live your life in the Spirit. 8:12-13
  - 2. Live your life as God's child. 8:14-17

NEXT WEEK:  
**The Gifts of the Spirit**  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11