

The Spirit is Life

Romans 8:9-17

Romans 1:16-17, ESV—For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith”

In the first part of chapter 8, Paul says that we are no longer under condemnation, because **the law of the Spirit of life has set us free from the law of sin and death**

What?

In the flesh we can't survive, but in the Spirit we're made alive

We in the Spirit, and the Spirit in us—

Vs. 9a—believers no longer live in the realm controlled by the flesh, but **in the realm controlled by the Spirit**

We are in the Spirit, but **the Spirit is also in us**

The Spirit in us is the “Spirit of God” in the sense that He **represents in us the presence of God** whom we now are at peace with, who can “dwell” in us

Vss. 9b-10—The Spirit in us is also the Spirit of Christ, because He **represents the one whose righteousness we've been clothed in**

The Spirit also produces Christ's righteousness practically

This proves that we are entitled to eternal life—those without this proof are not entitled to eternal life

The Spirit is life, though our bodies are dead because of sin

Vs. 11—the Spirit of God will **resurrect our bodies**

This is due to the power of God that raised Jesus

So what does it mean that “the Spirit is life?”

Spirit of God—we have peace with God so that He even

makes His home in us; He is the source of life, who will physically raise us from death someday

Spirit of Christ—we are clothed in Christ's righteousness, and practically we become like Him

Spirit of Life—we have eternal life, beginning now

So What?

So **we must live in the realm that the Spirit controls**

Vs. 12—without the Spirit, you are a **debtor to the flesh**

Vs. 13—without the Spirit you will continue to be enslaved by the flesh, and **you will experience eternal death**

But the Spirit gives us the **enabling to overcome fearful slavery to the sinful dictates** of your body

This is a continual putting off, and the promise is life now

Vs. 14—the Spirit **leads, feeds and guards us as a shepherd**

Vs. 15—we are not debtors to the Spirit, because **eternal life is not fearful slavery**, but freedom (vs. 2)

Eternal life now is **adoption into God's family**

Eternal life is continually approaching the throne of grace and **crying out to our heavenly Father for well-timed help**

Vs. 16—Eternal life is **experiencing the reality of the Spirit**

Vs. 17—Eternal life is our **ultimate inheritance in eternity**

The final say—Jesus

John 6:63, ESV—It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

Now What?

Stop the flow of worldliness and fleshly things into your mind

Fill your mind with the things of the Spirit (vs. 6)