

March 29, 2020 – Romans 8:11-17 **THEME: Made Alive By The Spirit!**

“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 through his Spirit, who lives in you. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of 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, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians we learn that we were dead in our transgressions and sin in which we used to live when we followed this world and the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us lived among them at one time gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. We were by nature objects of (God’s) wrath. (Eph. 2:1-3)

As The Apostle Paul writes to the congregation in Rome, [a city that was filled with mischief and could have easily rubbed off on some of the members of the congregation,] Paul tells the congregation that they received the “Spirit of Him Who raised Jesus from the dead”.

It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are enabled to put away the misdeeds of the sinful nature.

It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are children of God.

It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that as children of God, we are heirs of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ.

Christ Jesus suffered in this life. We also share in His suffering.

But we also share in His Glory. And Just as Christ Jesus has Risen from the dead, we will be raised to Life Eternal, where there is no more sin, or pain or death, and we will be transformed, so that our lowly bodies will be like His glorious body. (Philip. 3:21) AMEN

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