



## THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### The Power of the Holy Spirit

Sermon Series #5

Romans 8:1-17

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#### REVIEW

1. The **Promise** of the Holy Spirit...Joel 2:28,29 and Acts 2
2. The **Purpose** of the Holy Spirit...John 16:8-11
3. The **Person** of the Holy Spirit...John 14:16-17
4. The **Proof** of the Holy Spirit..Galatians 5, I Corinthians 12
5. The **Power** of the Holy Spirit over Sin. Romans 8:1-17 (Today)

**SERIES MAIN CONCEPT**...To understand the Scriptural teaching about the Holy Spirit in order that we may seek a personal & growing relationship with the Holy Spirit.

**SERMON MAIN CONCEPT**...Scripture teaches that the power of the Holy Spirit living in us conquers the power of sinful nature in our lives.

#### SIGNIFICANT WORDS

- **Holy Spirit**...17xm      **Jesus Christ**...5x      **God** ...12x
- **Sinful nature**...8x ... inclination sin leading to wilful acts of sin  
Sinful nature + personal sinful acts
- **Power**... transformation
- **Dominated**...destructive power of the sinful nature
- **Controlled**...constructive power of the Holy Spirit

#### “Those who belong...” Vs 1-4

- The **power** of sinful nature leads to death Vs 2a
  - The law of Moses fails to save us Vs 3
- The **power** of the Holy Spirit leads to life Vs 2b
  - Christ’s sacrifice succeeds in saving us
  - No condemnation and freedom. Vs 1,2

#### “Those who are dominated...” Vs 5-11

- Focus on sin Vs 5a      Ref Paul in 7:14,15
- Hostile to God Vs 7
- Never obeys God’s laws, never will Vs 7
- Can never please God Vs 8
- Leads to death Vs 5a

#### “Those who are controlled...” Vs 9-11

- Focus on what pleases the Holy Spirit Vs 5b
- Gives us life Vs 10
- **“Spirit of God”** living in us Vs 9c, 11
- **“Spirit of Christ”** living in us Vs 9
- Makes us right with God Vs 10

#### Those who choose... Vs 12-14

- “Under no obligation...” Vs 12
- We must choose...
  - If we choose the power of our sinful nature...
    - **“You will die”** Vs 13a
    - ...we are not the children of God Vs 9
  - If we choose the power of the God’s Holy Spirit...
    - **“You will live”** Vs 13b
    - ...we are the children of God Vs 14

#### Those who are adopted... Vs 15-17

- Sinful nature = We are “fearful slaves”...Vs 15 a
- Holy Spirit = We are God’s children
  - Adopted
  - Intimate and dependent... **“Abba, Father”** Vs 15
  - Joined spirits Vs 16
  - Confirmed belonging...Vs 16
  - Confirmed inheritance...Vs 17

#### SUMMARY

The Scriptures clearly teach that through the power of the Holy Spirit we can have victory over the power of our sinful nature and that we must invite and receive the Holy Spirit for this to happen.

#### APPLICATION

- Am I and the Holy Spirit an “effective team” for God?
- Have I surrendered my sinful nature to the Holy Spirit?
- Have I invited the Holy Spirit to live in and lead my life?
- Does the Holy Spirit confirm in my heart that I am a child of God?
- Am I cooperating with the Holy Spirit’s transforming power in my life?

**PRAYER**...*Heavenly Father, thank you for the Holy Spirit’s transforming presence and power in my life. Thank you that I am free from the domination of sin in my life. Thank you for the Holy Spirit’s confirmation in my heart that I am your child today. Amen*