



Romans 8:12-17

Living By The Spirit of God

- I. Introduction:** Paul declared that the Holy Spirit empowers believers to mortify sin, assures them of their adoption, and guarantees their future inheritance in Christ.

- II. Living By The Spirit of God (Rom 8:12-17).**
 - A. Enables Our Mortification (vv. 12-13).**
 - 1. Paul explained that those living under the control of the Holy Spirit put to death the works of the flesh because we are no longer obligated to sin.

 - B. Confirms Our Adoption (vv. 14-15).**
 - 1. Paul proclaimed that a Christian is identified as God's adopted child, because the Holy Spirit confirmed our adoption into the Family of God.

 - C. Guarantees Our Glorification (vv. 16-17).**
 - 1. Paul declared that the Holy Spirit now testifies with our spirit that we are God's children, transforming how we view our future glory and suffering.

- III. Conclusion:** Paul explained that the Holy Spirit causes us to mortify sin, assures us of our adoption into God's family, and guarantees our future inheritance.



Questions About: Living By The Spirit of God

1. Who is the focal point of Romans 8? (**Rom 8:1-39**) How many times is the Holy Spirit mentioned in this chapter? What did Jesus promise about the Holy Spirit? (**John 14:16-21**)
2. What does Paul say about a Christian's obligation to the flesh? (**Rom 8:12-13**) Why don't we owe the flesh anything? What has living according to the flesh produced? (**Rom 6:21-23**)
3. What does it mean to "put to death the deeds of the body"? (**Rom 8:13**) Why must we deal radically with sin? (**Matt 5:29-30**) How does the Holy Spirit help us fight sin? (**Gal 5:16, 24**)
4. What does being led by the Holy Spirit indicate? (**Rom 8:14-15**) How do God's people follow Him willingly? (**Psa 23:1-3**) How do Christians know to follow Him? (**John 10:27**)
5. What does Paul mean that we are sons of God? (**Rom 8:14-15**) How has our relationship with God changed through adoption? (**Gal 4:4-7; Eph 1:5**) What privileges now belong to us?
6. How did fear characterize our former relationship to God? (**Rom 8:15; Heb 2:14-15**) Why is it significant that we can now cry out to God, "Abba! Father!"? (**Mark 14:36**)
7. How does the Holy Spirit testify that we are children of God? (**Rom 8:16**) What evidence of His work do we see in believers? (**Gal 5:22-23**) How does the Spirit give us assurance?
8. How are we heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ? (**Rom 8:17**) What inheritance has God promised His children? (**Matt 25:34; 1 Peter 1:4**) How will we suffer with Christ? (**v. 17**)

Prayer

1. Ask God to help you put to death the sinful desires of the flesh through the Holy Spirit.
2. Thank God that He has adopted you as His child, and that you can trust Him as your Father.