

Life in the Spirit, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 8:1-28.
- B. As a result of being saved, certain things take place.
- C. The Spirit has ministries in relation to our flesh, sonship, inheritance and prayer.

II. The Spirit subdues our flesh.

III. The Spirit witnesses to our sonship.

- A. Many are insecure about their salvation.
- B. There are three ways the Spirit witnesses to our sonship.
 - 1. The Holy Spirit leads us. One knows if he or she has impulses from the Spirit.
 - 2. The Holy Spirit takes us from a spirit of bondage to fear.
 - a. Our bondage to Christ is a bondage of love.
 - b. The law system is based on fear.
 - c. The reason we do not fear anymore is because God is no longer our judge but our loving Father. (Galatians 4:4)
 - 3. The Spirit tells us we are sons of God inside.

IV. The Spirit witnesses to our final inheritance.

- A. Someday we will be glorified.
- B. When we are glorified the earth will be released from the curse.
- C. We groan for this day with a purpose. (2 Corinthians 5:4)

V. The Spirit helps us in our prayers.

- A. We do not know what to pray for.
- B. It matters what we pray. (Ephesians 6)

Application Questions:

1. How have you experienced the Spirit's leading?

2. Why is love the way we are lead as Christians instead of fear?

3. What does it look like to get help from the Spirit in what we pray for?
