

# **Living by the Son**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Man is different from any animal because he was given the ability to fellowship with God.
- B. Man's disobedience to God resulted in his spiritual death and separation from Him. (Ephesians 2)
- C. Jesus has paid the penalty for our sin, so sin no longer separates a person from God.

## II. The Spirit must inhabit a person for them to be a Christian. (Romans 8:9)

- A. Christ comes into a person through the Spirit and never leaves him. (John 14:16)
- B. A believer can grieve the Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30)
- C. A believer can quench the Spirit. (I Thessalonians 5)
- D. However, the Spirit will never leave a believer. (Matthew 18:20, I Corinthians 3:16)
- E. Everything a person needs to deal with life, he has in God.

## III. If a person has a messed up concept of God, he is only frustrated.

## IV. God has a plan for your life and wants you to trust Him. (Jeremiah 29:11)

## V. God cares about your family life and your dating life.

## VI. God wants you to have a hunger for Him. (Psalm 42, 33)

- A. You need to determine that you will walk with God and do so early in your career.
- B. It is a heart matter that must be dealt with seriously because it accompanies a great cost.
- C. A Christian is already accepted by God because of the cross, but He will get after you to seek Him if you do not.
- D. Use your time to listen to God, memorize Scripture and read good books like Christian biographies.
- E. There is no easy way out—there will be barren times.
- F. One cannot live on his feelings.

## **Application questions:**

1. What is the relationship between the Spirit and the believer?

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2. What role do feelings play in one's relationship with God?

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3. How would you counsel a person who desires to spur on his own hunger for God? Explain.

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