

Life in the Spirit! Pt 7: Blessed Assurance!

Romans 8:9-17

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I. The Difference Maker! The Holy Spirit dwells in you!
The three "entities" in your life...

- A. The Flesh – The Seat of Sin and Ungodly Desire
- B. The Spirit – The Indwelling Spirit of God
- C. The Mind – the Battlefield of your life

III. Blessed Assurance! (How you know you are a believer!)

"But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." (Romans 8:9-17; NKJ)

1. You know, because you experience a new power working in your life – Resurrection Power!
2. You know, because you own a new hope for your future - Heavenly hope!
3. You know, because you discover a new yearning emerging in your life - Personal Holiness!
4. You know because you look to new leadership in your life – Spirit Leadership!

5. You know because you own a new _____ - _____!

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." (v14)

A. You are in a _____ -based _____ relationship with God!

"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear," (v15)

"There is no fear in love. But perfect (complete, full-grown) love drives out fear, because fear involves [the expectation of divine] punishment, so the one who is afraid [of God's judgment] is not perfected in love [has not grown into a sufficient understanding of God's love]. We love, because He first loved us." (1 John 4:18-19; AMP)

B. You have God as " _____ " through _____!

"... but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ..." (vv 15-16)

"Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God." (John 5:18; NKJ)

C. You have God as "Abba Father" through a _____!

"Everyone who believes [with a deep, abiding trust in the fact] that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed) is born of God [that is, reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose], and everyone who loves the Father also loves the child born of Him." (1 John 5:1; AMP)

D. You are Sons of God and _____ with _____!

"... and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,..." (v17)

"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:18; NKJ)

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 20:11; NKJ)