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- EXTOL: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- Women's Ministry Create Day 2019 - Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am
- Antioch Courses Start (Registration Open) - Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>
- New Brighton Camping Connections Trip - September 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>
- CityTeam: Feeding & Chapel Service - Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Altamoms - Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
  - Altamont Church Potluck - Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>
- Henry Cowell Camping Connections Trip - October 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>
- Forensic Faith Conference - Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9am

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## SONGS & SERMONS

- "I Am Set Free" - Leslie Jordan
- "Found In You" - Paul Baloche, Andi Rozier
- "Center" - Charlie Hall, Matt Redman
- "Who You Say I Am" - Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan
- "The Cross Has The Final Word" - Cody Carnes

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00  
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,170,756.00

Giving Last Week.....\$16,785.00  
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,092,811.00

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# Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: JAY SCOTT

## MESSAGE NOTES

*Life in The Spirit*

Romans 8:1-11

**Romans 8:2** *For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

1. By God's grace all who are in Christ have been set free from sin's penalty.

**No condemnation for sin = Justification**

**Rom. 8:1** *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,*

**Rom 5:1** *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2. By God's grace all who are in Christ now walk in newness of life, granted by the Spirit.

**No obligation to sin = Progressive Sanctification**

**Rom. 8:4** *in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

**Rom. 6:1** *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?*

"Law was given that grace might be sought, grace was given that the law might be fulfilled"  
*Augustine*



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### 3. By God's grace all who are in Christ have a new destiny.

"There are **two ways**, one of life and one of death, and there is a great difference between these **two ways**." *Didache - circa 70-150 AD*

**Rom. 8:5** *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.*

**Matt 7:13-14** *Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.*

### 4. There are two groups of people in the world; those with their minds set on the flesh -

**Rom. 8:7** *For the mind that is set on the flesh **is hostile to God**, for it **does not submit to God's law**; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh **cannot please God**.*

**1 Cor 2:14** *The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.*

**2 Cor 4:4** *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

### 5. Those with their minds set on the Spirit -

**Rom. 8:9** *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact **the Spirit of God dwells in you**. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, **the Spirit is life** because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **his Spirit who dwells in you**.*

**1 Peter 1:3** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

**Titus 3:4-7** *But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

#### So What?

Since the Spirit of God dwells in you there will be evidence of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23). Just like natural fruit requires light, water and nutrition to grow so does the fruit of the Spirit.

How are you nurturing the Spirit in your life?