

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Men's Ministry Toolbox Talk - Saturday, September 14th
- Antioch Courses Start (Registration Open) - Tuesday, September 17th
- New Brighton Camping Connections Trip - September 18th - 22nd
- CityTeam: Feeding & Chapel Service - Saturday, September 21st
 - Altamoms - Thursday, September 26th @ 7pm
 - Altamont Church Potluck - Sunday, September 29th
- Women's First Saturday Coffee - Saturday, October 5th
 - Fall Festival - Saturday, October 12th
- Henry Cowell Camping Connections Trip - October 17th - 20th
- Forensic Faith Conference - Saturday, October 19th @ 9am

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SONGS & SERMONS

- "Lord, I Need You" - Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill
- "This is Amazing Grace" - Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham
- "Be Thou My Vision (O God)" - Dennis Allen, Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne
- "Good, Good Father" - Anthony Brown, Pat Barrett
- "No Longer Slaves" - Brian Johnson, Joel Case, Jonathan David Helsler
- To listen or watch today's message, visit www.vbc.online/media

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,205,190.00

Giving Last Week.....\$30,429.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,123,240.00

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Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

MUSIC: ALEC TACCONI | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Life and Sonship
Romans 8:12-17

Remember:

No condemnation for sin = Justification (Rom 8:1-3)

No obligation to sin = Progressive Sanctification (Rom 8:4)

REVIEW:

The Spirit serves as a focal point for our lives.

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. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 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. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

The indwelling of the Spirit ...

a. ...demonstrates who we belong to, and...

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.*

b. ...guarantees our life.

Rom. 8:10 *But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ 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.*



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Because of the Spirit's indwelling we are obligated to set our minds on the Spirit.

1. We owe our flesh nothing!

Rom. 8:12 *So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.*

2. The Spirit enables us to starve the flesh.

Rom. 8:13 *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.*

Gal. 5:16 *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

Spirit-led living proves the legal and intimate nature of our relationship with God.

1. The Spirit's leadership demonstrates our legal sonship - and all the benefits that come with it.

Rom. 8:14 *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"*

2. The Spirit confirms the intimacy we now share with God.

Rom. 8:16 *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

3. As His children, we share in the inheritance and suffering of Christ.

Rom. 8:17 *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

As we walk by the Spirit, rejecting our flesh, – as Christ did perfectly – we will suffer. But this suffering not only pales in comparison to the glory that awaits us, it produces deeper reliance, hope, growth, fellowship and intimacy with God.

(See Phil. 1:29-30, 3:20-21; 2 Cor. 1:5; Rom. 5:3-4)