

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- VBC Kids Move-Up Sunday (Preschool - 5th Grade) - Today
- Small Groups Meet & Greet - Today
- AWANA Clubs Start - Today
- Moms' COLLECTIVE starts (for moms of little ones) - Tuesday, September 10th
- Jen Allan's Fall Fitness Challenge Starts (jenallanfitness.com) - Sat., September 14th
 - Antioch Courses Start - Tuesday, September 17th
- Ladies AM Bible Study (LAMBS) Starts - Thursday, September 19th
- New Brighton Camping Connections Trip - September 18th - 22nd
- CityTeam: Feeding & Chapel Service - Saturday, September 21st
 - Financial Peace University Starts - Sunday, September 22nd
- Henry Cowell Camping Connections Trip - October 17th - 20th
- Forensic Faith Conference - Saturday, October 19th @ 9am

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SONGS & SERMONS

- "Found in You" - Paul Baloche, Andi Rozier
- "Who You Say I Am" - Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan
- "Taste and See (Psalm 34)" - Valley Bible Church (Daniel Gillette)
- "Come Ye Sinners" - Taylor Johnson, Dan Hamilton, Robbie Seay, Ryan Owens
- "No Longer Slaves" - Jonathan David Helser, Melissa Helser
- "O Praise the Name" - Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hastings
- 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

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL THAT MAKES US RIGHTEOUS BY FAITH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

MESSAGE NOTES

How to live in step with the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:5-17

Introduction: the struggle is real & intense! See Romans 7:21-25.

Transition:

Rom. 8:3 *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, 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.*

The Mechanics: How, then, do we live by the Spirit? (8:5-7)

1. The Scriptures portray our relationship with the Holy Spirit in various ways. See Galatians 5:16 & 25; Ephesians 5:18.
2. To so live in step with the Spirit requires a mind preoccupied with the truths related to our lives in Christ. Note the 5 uses of this concept in verses 5-6.

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.*



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3. Here are a few other places where we find this term in the NT.

Matt. 16:23 *But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*

Acts 28:22 *But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against."*

Phil. 3:19 *Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.*

Col. 3:2 *Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

4. We can determine at any time during our day whether or not we are in step with the Spirit by asking, "What preoccupies my reflective thinking? What 'view' currently occupies my thought life?"

The Foundation: Why is it even possible to experience the Holy Spirit? (8:8-13)

1. Only because the Holy Spirit dwells in us and we are immersed in Him is it possible for us to "walk according to the Spirit." (8-11)

Rom. 8:8 *Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 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. 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.*

2. Consequently, we are indebted to live life by the Spirit to the fullest!! (12-13)

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

The Life: What expectations should we have of living by the Spirit? (8:14-17)

1. The Spirit's leading in our lives provides evidence that we are God's sons. (14)

Rom. 8:14 *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

2. The Spirit's work of adopting us produces intimacy with God as our Father. (15).

Rom. 8:15 *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!"*

3. The Spirit's work of communicating with our human spirit that we are children of God produces security from now to eternity. (16-17)

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