

The Promise of the Spirit

(Rom 8:9-11)

- Paul has been contrasting the believer and the unbeliever, and continues this in an extended way:
 - I. Rom 8:6- “Peace”
 - A) Paul will now contrast peace of believer with the unrest of the lost in v.7-8
 - B) This “peace” again ties this chapter to the original thought at the beginning of this overall section (Rom 5:1)
 - II. Rom 8:9-11
 - A) Here is Paul’s description of the believer that counters v.7-8
 - B) Rom 8:9- Proves these following things are only true of those with “Spirit”:
 - 1. Promised Spirit applies to all Christians, not just a special class (as “In Christ” in ch 5)
 - i. “If so be” = “assuming that”
 - 2. Promised Spirit involves the entire Godhead
 - i. “Spirit,” “Spirit of God” and “Spirit of Christ”
 - a) Eph 1:13- “Sealed by Holy Spirit of promise” (Father’s promise)
 - b) John 14:16- Christ prays for the Father to send Spirit
 - c) John 15:26- Christ send Spirit from the Father (proceedeth)
 - d) John 16:7- Christ sends Spirit
 - 1) It was this doctrine that caused the Great Schism of 1054ad
 - 3. Promised Spirit has an evident effect on Christians
 - i. “Not in the flesh”- no longer governed solely by the fallen nature
 - a) Those “in the flesh” cannot receive the Spirit
 - 1) John 14:17- “World cannot receive Him”
 - (a) “But He shall be in you”- manifestation of the Spirit begins
 - (b) “Dwell”- root meaning of the Hebrew word *Shekinah*
 - ii. “Ye are in the Spirit”- “In Christ” or new relationship/realms
 - a) Rom 5:21- Under the reign of grace
 - b) Eph 2:1-4- Quickened
 - c) John 3:6- Born of the Spirit
 - iii. “Spirit is in you”- Begins to dwell in us
 - a) 1 Cor 6:19- “Ye are the temple of God”
 - b) 2 Tim 1:14- “Holy Spirit that dwells in us”
 - c) John 14:23- Father and Son dwell in us
 - d) Eph 2:19-21- “Habitation of God through the Spirit”
 - 1) All the Godhead dwells in the believer

- 2) Father and Son dwell in the believer by means of the Spirit
 - (a) Eph 3:16-17- This cannot happen by nature, the Spirit must purify us, strengthen us and prepare us
 - (b) Compare the tabernacle preparation, the Temple and it's "cleansing"
 - (c) Ex 40- The *Shekinah* comes to dwell
 - (1) The only way to draw nigh unto the Most Holy was to abide in the Holy Place (lamp-stand, shew-bread and incense)
- 3) Gal 2:20- "Christ lives in me"
- 4) Rev 3:20 "I will come and sup"
- 5) 1 John 4:4- "Greater is He that is in you"
 - (a) This is the key to striving against temptation and sin
 - (b) We should not only stand in the negative principle of what we no longer are, but be empowered by the positive principle of Who now dwells in us!
- iv. "He is none of His"- Then the Christian belongs to and is the permanent property of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - a) 1 Cor 6:19-21- We are bought with a price
 - b) John 17:6- We were the Father's and He has given us to the Son
 - c) Rom 7:4- We are married to Christ
 - d) 1 Cor 12:12-17- We are Christ's body
 - e) John 10:27-28- We are His sheep
 - f) 1 Pet 2:9- We are His royal priesthood
- C) The Spirit is sent forth to testify to and glorify Christ
 1. John 15:26
 2. John 16:13-14
 - i. The Christian test:
 - a) Has this happened to me?
 - b) Has the Spirit come within and began to testify of Christ and to glorify Him in my life?
 - c) Have I gone from the place where my religion was a hindrance to the place where my sins are now the hindrance?