

The Empowering Presence of the Spirit – Part 5

The Obligations in the Christian Life

Text: Romans 8:12-13

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A. Who Indwells the Believer? (The Holy Spirit – Rom. 8:9)

B. Do I have the Holy Spirit indwelling me? Rom. 8:9

Five Signs (the evidence) God's Spirit dwells in us by His work in us

1. Evidenced by fellowship with God and Christians: 1 John 1:1-7, Acts 2:42, 1 Cor. 1:9
2. Evidenced by individual spiritual growth: 1 John 2:12-17, 2 Peter 3:18, John 17:17-19
3. Evidenced by living with Second Coming thinking: 1 John 3:1-4, Col. 3:1-4, 1 Peter 1:13
4. Evidenced by sacrificial acts of love for God's people: 1 John 4:7-12, Acts 2:44-45, 2 Cor. 8:1-5
5. Evidenced by a life of obeying God's commands: 1 John 5:1-3, John 14:15, 21, 23-24

TODAY

C. Our position in Christ obligates us to a life lived by the Spirit

1. Our obligation to live by the flesh is broken: Rom. 8:12, Rom. 8:3
2. Our obligation to the New Commandment is established: Matt. 22:37, Rom 6:17
3. Our life lived in the flesh or Spirit affirms our identity: Rom. 8:13, Rom. 8:9, 1 John 1:6, 1 John 3:4-10

D. Our Position in Christ obligates us to a life of warfare by the Spirit

1. Our primary foe is the flesh: Gal. 5:16-17, Gal. 5:19-21
2. Our primary weaponry comes from the Spirit of God
 - a. The putting on of Christ – Rom. 13:13-14
 - b. The putting to death the deeds of the body – Rom. 8:13