

A Christian's Biography
Romans 8:9-11
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What is the distinguishing feature of the Christian?

The permanent presence of the Holy Spirit makes a big difference.

All the imperatives in the Bible are based on the indicatives.

What difference does the presence and power of the Holy Spirit really make?

Past	Regeneration
Present	Sanctification
Future	Glorification

This is every Christian's Biography.

Your Past v 9 The Holy Spirit came to dwell in you.

Paul had not met with the Church in Rome.

Regeneration is the giving of new life.

We now live in the realm of the Spirit.

Regeneration is a radical transformation of character.

We begin to see the truth as it is in Jesus.

This regeneration can occur at any time in at any age.

Without the Holy Spirit you cannot walk as a Christian.

Your Present, v 10 You can live the heavenly life now

We live in a dying body.

But the Spirit brings life!

What are the signs of the Spirit's life within us?

Our bodies may be dying,
but we will live forever - because of the righteousness of Christ.

1) We are alive to God and to life, real life!!
Ephesians 2:4-6; Romans 6:11.

We can begin to live real life, life as it was meant to be; satisfying life.

2) We are alive to the Word of God.
2 Corinthians 3:14, 18; 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

We are alive, and growing in our knowledge of God through the Word.

3) We are Alive to the Work of God in the World.
1 John 4:12-14 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

We have the ability to love others, because God abides in us.

Chad was the black sheep at school.

You have the life of the Spirit, you are living the heavenly life now!!

Your Future, v 11 Raised to New Life

We receive new bodies - Bodies fit for the heavenly life.

Have you ever read a book and peaked ahead to see how it all ends?

We know how it all ends.

The Spirit of regeneration, is the Spirit of your new life now and in the future.