

ROMANS

The Heart of the Matter

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Overview

“Life in the Spirit”

Romans 8:1-17

Lamplighters Women’s Bible Study

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Announcements

Help! Paulette needs help serving on Wednesday nights. 30 minute shifts.

Contact Nikki McNabb

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(and she could probably also us sous-chefs on Wednesday afternoons...but she didn't ask me to announce that! 😊)



There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the
Lord.

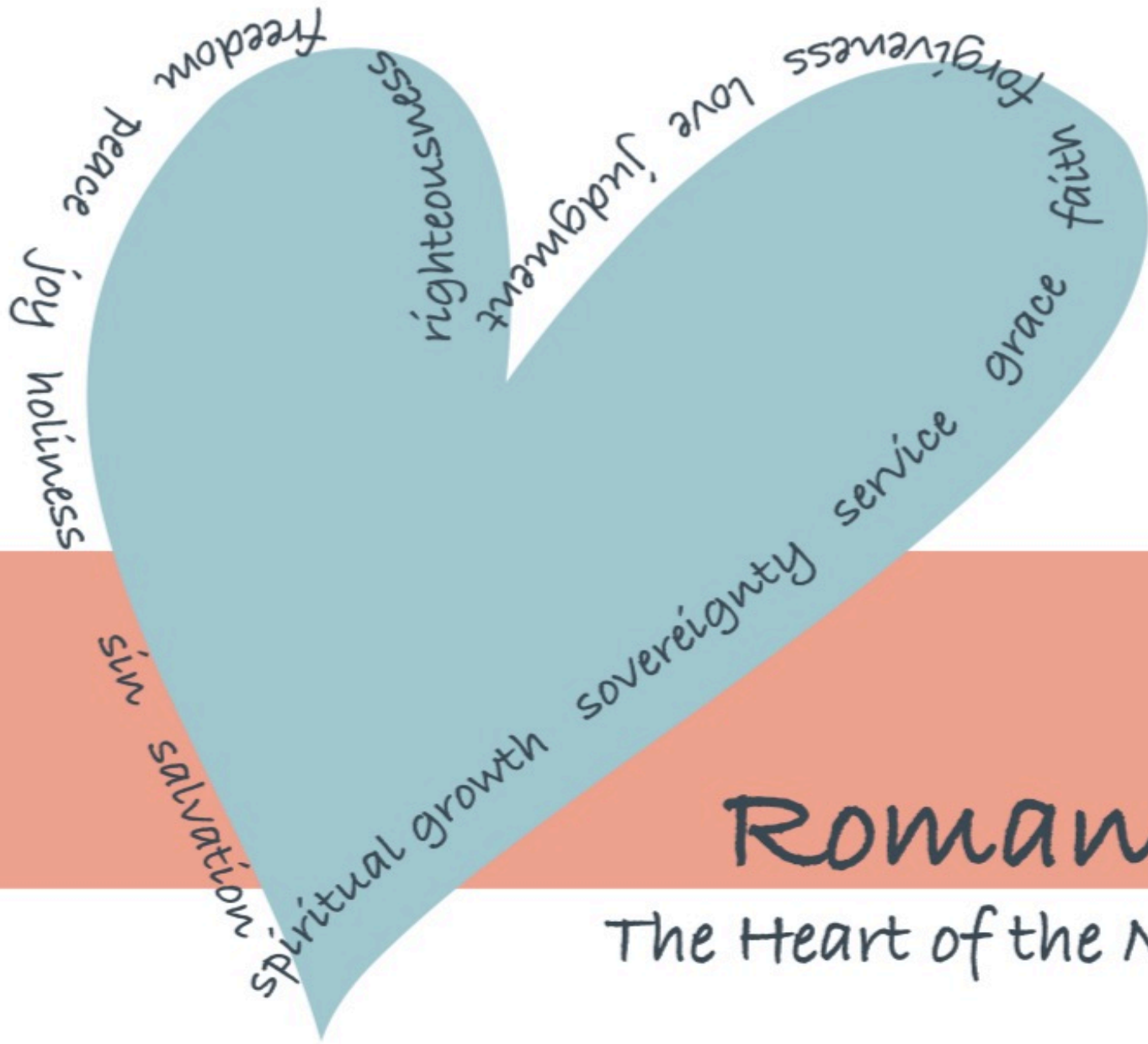


Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your
love;

And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in
praise;

Without a doubt we'll know,
That we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.





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Life in the Spirit

Romans 8:1-17

The Spirit of Life

Rom. 8:1-11

The Spirit of Sonship

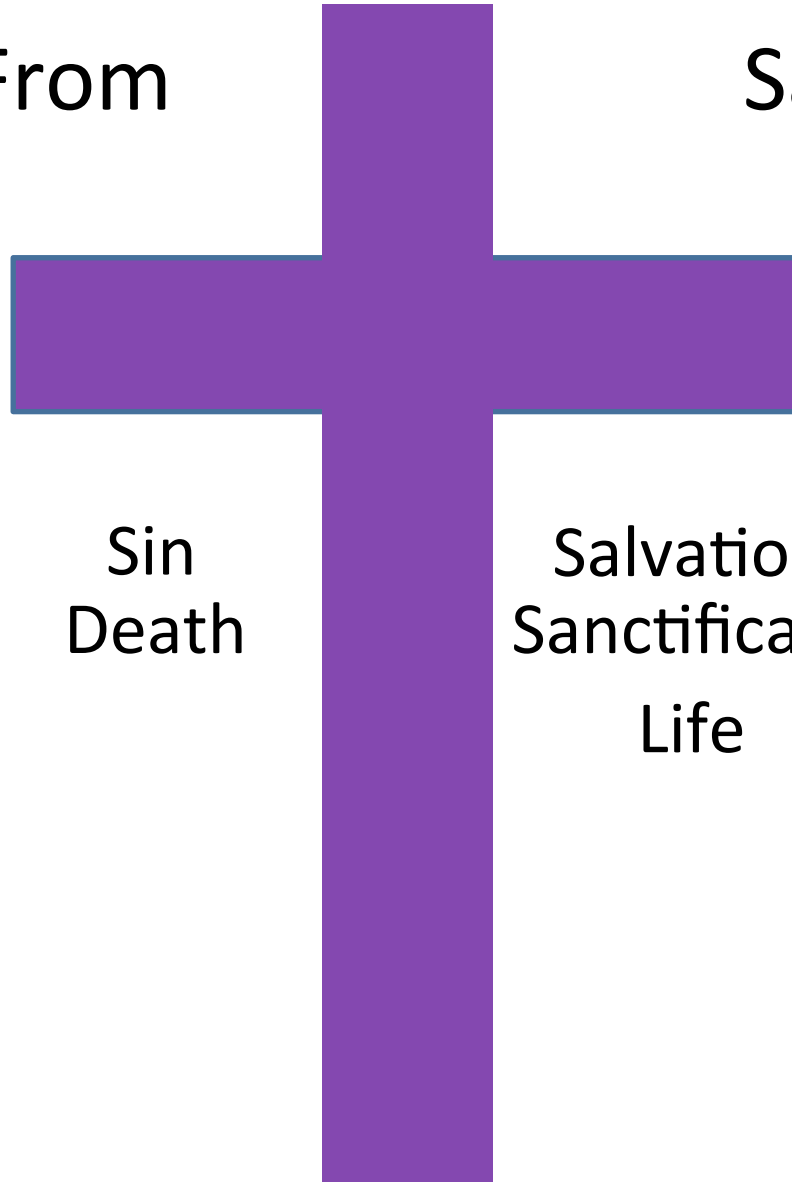
Rom. 8:12-17



The Gospel

Saved From

Saved For



Sin
Death

Salvation
Sanctification
Life

Contrasts

law of sin

death

sinful nature

mind set on the desires

of the sinful nature

hostility toward God

not belonging to Christ

living by the sinful nature

slaves

life before the cross

Law of the Spirit

Life

Christ's nature

Mind set on the

desires of the Spirit

Pleasing God

Belonging to Christ

Living by the Spirit

Sons

Life after the cross

No Condemnation

Set free from any debt or penalty we owe God.

Set free from the Law (Big L)

positional

Set free from the law (little l)

personal and practical

Delivered from the power of sin

no bondage

Christ IN us



Live re the flesh

mind set on flesh

please themselves

hostile to God, at war

do not and cannot

submit to God

do not belong

bondage, sin, death

Live re the Spirit

mind set on the Spirit

please God

love God, peace

yield will to the Spirit,

controlled by Spirit

belong

freedom, life, peace

Christ in them



“Your religion is what you do with your solitude.”

William Teeple

“Set” — “to focus intently on,” “to be preoccupied with,”
“to have the attention and imagination
captured by something.”



Assurances

If you are a believer:

1. You have the Holy Spirit in you.
2. You have 100% of the Holy Spirit.
3. Christ lives in you.
4. The Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you.
5. You are dead to sin, but alive to Christ.
6. Someday, even our bodies will be totally renewed and made eternally alive by the Spirit.



Applications

1. In the course of a normal day, what is your mind usually “set” on? What preoccupies your thoughts?
2. How will you set your mind on the things of the Spirit this week?



Romans 8:12-17

When we live by the Spirit:

1. We “put to death the misdeeds of the body.”
2. We become aware of and assured of our new identity in Christ.



Privileges of Being in Christ's Family

Gifts of the Spirit:

1. We are led by the Spirit.
2. We are given the Spirit of Sonship—we have a different relationship with the Father than before. We are secure.
3. We have authority as sons, not slaves. We can live with confidence and poise.
4. We can cry “Abba!”—intimacy
5. We are assured that we are God's children.
6. We are heirs.
7. We will be disciplined as children of God.
8. We will bear the family likeness—suffering.



Approach life in two ways:

1. by the Spirit that makes us slaves again to fear.

OR

2. by the Spirit of Sonship.



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Saved From



IN CHRIST



Sin
Death

Love Joy
Salvation Hope Comfort
Sanctification Patience
Life Discernment
Power Knowledge
Wisdom Importance
Grace Acceptance
Forgiveness Victory
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