

LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT

"... if the Spirit of God is in you, then your spirit is alive." Romans 8:10

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Romans 8:1-11 (NRSV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 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 to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 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 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since 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, though 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 from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Note from Pastor Ruth: As many of you know, I am healing from a bad case of the shingles and am so grateful that my husband Russ Ragovin is bringing the message both on July 12 and July 19 to give me a little more time to rest. Like many ministers, Russ is not a "manuscript preacher" so there will not be a written version of his sermon. For those of you who will be listening to him preach on Facebook Live, this is not a problem (although we do encourage you to use the sermon outline on the next page). For those of you who are not on the internet and cannot see him preach, we encourage you to read the scripture above and then go through the sermon outline.

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SERMON OUTLINE

I. GOD CALLS YOU WHAT YOU ARE BEFORE IT HAPPENS

"What we see is subject to change." 2 Corinthians 4: 18

"If you, then ... you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11: 13

II. START BELIEVING THE THINGS YOU HEARD FROM ABOVE

***"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! ..."Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."
Ps 107:2***

***"Then Elijah said to Ahab, 'Go up eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain'."
1 Kings 18:41***

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21

III. BEAR THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23

"But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it." Matthew 13:16