

## New Life in Christ - Romans 8:9-11

Paul in the preceding verses has given a description of carnal and spiritual mindedness. A picture of what we might call the "living dead" But now he begins to explain the great difference between the redeemed and the unregenerate. It is a life and death difference.

A. The child of God is not in the flesh but in the Spirit. - *Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.*

1. We as children of God are no longer in the flesh.
  - a. The flesh here is representative of those previously spoken of as those who live according to the desire of the flesh.
  - b. Those who are at enmity with God,
  - c. We have been made new creatures.
  - d. We have been born of God.

*John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

2. We now have a new standing in God. – *"in the Spirit"*.
3. This is accomplished by the work of the Holy Spirit in us.
  - a. We have been "born of the Spirit".
  - b. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead has raised us from the dead.
  - c. This is why it is proper to speak of our salvation as the "first resurrection".

*Eph 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.*

- d. Upon such the "second death" has no authority.
4. If indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.
  - a. Paul does not give comfort to one who is merely professing faith in Christ.

*2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?*

*Phil 2:12-13 work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **for it is God who works in you** both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*

- b. This is not to raise doubt but to give comfort to one who is indeed in Christ.

*'Hereby we know that we dwell in Him, and He in us, **because He has given us of His Spirit,**' 1 John 4:13*

- c. Are you truly trusting in Christ alone and not in yourself, or your good works.
  - d. At the same time do you now desire to be obedient to the Lord?
  - e. The *affections* of him who is carnal are enmity against God, and in rebellion against His law; but the spiritual man delights in the law of God, and loves His commandments.

*Col 3:1-2 If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **Set your mind on things above**, not on things on the earth.*

5. This sets you apart from the unregenerate world. - *Rom 8:9-10 Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*
6. Rejoice you have been born of God.

B. The result of this new standing in Christ. - *Rom 8:10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

1. The body is dead.
  - a. We still have this flesh, this mortal body.
  - b. The mortal body will die.
  - c. But our hope and comfort is not in this present life.
2. The Scriptures speak of three kinds of death:
  - a. One is in this life – This is the one in which all men are conceived and from which the redeemed have been quickened.
  - b. The other is at the end of this life – This is the one that affects saved and unsaved alike.
  - c. And the third is after this life. – This is also called the second death and will affect only the unsaved.
3. Here is our comfort - *But the Spirit is life.*
  - a. Although we still exist in this mortal physical body, we are alive in Christ, and thus while still in this mortal body we at the same time have everlasting life.

*John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And **whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.** Do you believe this?"*

- b. This new standing is a present condition wherein we now have everlasting life.

*John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me **has everlasting life,** and **shall not come into judgment,** but has **passed from death into life.***

- c. Death has lost its sting, the grave has lost its victory.

4. Because of the imputed righteousness of Christ. - the Spirit is life because of righteousness

*1 Cor 1:30 But of Him **you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.***

- a. Because Christ has kept the law of God perfectly for us.
- b. Because His righteousness has been place in our account.
- c. The debt you owe to God, perfect obedience, has been paid in full.

CONCLUSION: We have an eternal hope. - *Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

The body may be dead but it will be resurrected a new body through His Spirit.

*1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.*

*1 Cor 15:35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" (Foolish one)*

*1 Cor 15:42,43 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.*

This is accomplished by the same miraculous power that raised Jesus from the dead. - **He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you

There is therefore now no condemnation.

There is therefore now full assurance of everlasting life.

*1 Thess 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And **the dead in Christ will rise** first.*

*This present victory has been accomplished by the Spirit of God Who dwells in us.*