



## THE “HOW-TO” OF CHRISTIANITY

ROMANS 8:1-11 \* APRIL 30, 2023

### ONE TIME DEAL OR DAILY DECISION?

EPHESIANS 1:13-14; EPHESIANS 5:15-18; GALATIANS 5:16-25

- indwelling = a one time deal; the promised Holy Spirit, a deposit \_\_\_\_\_ our inheritance.
- filling = a daily decision; not like the filling of a cup; it is walking/\_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit.

### THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

JOHN 15:26-27; 16:7-11; 17:20-23

- ① The Spirit shows us who \_\_\_\_\_.
- ② The Spirit shows us who \_\_\_\_\_.
- ③ The Spirit shows us what \_\_\_\_\_.

### THERE IS NOW NO CONDEMNATION

ROMANS 8:1-4

- ① We’ve been declared eternally \_\_\_\_\_, now as well as in the future, never to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- ② We are internally \_\_\_\_\_ from the control of sin, now as well as when we go to Heaven.
- ③ We are positionally \_\_\_\_\_, now as well as when we stand before the Lord in Heaven.

### A MIND SET ON THE SPIRIT

ROMANS 8:5-11

Now that you have the Holy Spirit living within, you need to daily “\_\_\_\_\_” Him in and \_\_\_\_\_ His leading.

### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. The Spirit brings life to every Christian at the moment of conversion. What were some early signs of life when you became a Christian?
2. As you look back on your Christian life, has your understanding of the Holy Spirit changed? If so, explain.
3. Read Romans 8:1- 4. What is the resounding good news that Paul declares here?
4. The written Law of the Old Testament is powerless to enable us to obey God or attain life—it cannot free us from sin and death. How has God done what the Law is powerless to do (verses 2-3)?
5. Read Romans 8:5-11. Paul divides all of humanity into 2 categories: those who live according to the flesh (sinful nature) and those who live according to the Spirit. In your own words, what are some characteristics of each group? According to verse 9, how do we know which category we are in?
6. There are many professing Christians whose lives seem different from Paul’s description of life in the Spirit. How do you think Paul would account for this fact? What evidence do you see of your life being controlled by the Spirit?
7. According to Paul, what role does the mind play in a life of sin or a life of righteousness (verses 5-8; see also Romans 12:2)? How have you observed the role of the mind in your own combat with sin?