

Thanks For Giving Us Life

2-part series

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Part 1

The very moment that you and I believed the message that Jesus died for our sins was an opportunity to be forgiven and receive eternal life. It was in His death, burial, and resurrection that secured the ultimate victory over death, hell and the grave for all believers.

The Apostle Paul confirmed the dramatic transition that occurs in the life of those entering a relationship with Jesus Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:17 AKJV** *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* **1 John 5:12** *He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

Scripture Text Romans 8:12-15 NLT *12 Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. 13 For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."*

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Paul acknowledging that our relationship in Christ makes Gentiles and Jew brothers and sisters. He is reminding us that we need not make excuses to sin. The custom of the world is to say, "I'm only human!" and thereby free to continue willful sin. We have been set free from habitual sin by Christ...**John 8:6**

NKJV *"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."* Living under the influence of Holy Spirit, we want to please God and submit to His will. The day that we invited the Lord into our hearts was the day that we were sealed as His children. **Ephesians 1:13 NIV** *And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,*

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Our human nature is contrary to the Spirit of God because there is no good thing in our nature. Our human nature is under condemnation no matter how many good things that we may do, our flesh longs for gratification. **Proverbs 14:12** *“There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death”*. We have our pride! When we walk in the spirit (always being prayerful), we will be led by the spirit to reflect Jesus Christ as His disciple. On the other hand, when giving way to the urging of our fleshly desires we sin and cut ourselves off from the assurance of God’s blessings.

We are living in an age where the desires of our flesh are being extolled and nothing is sacred or revered. People can become addicted and drawn further away from the tender prompting of Holy Spirit to act on behave of Jesus Christ.

APPLICATION:

If we are willing to follow, the Holy Spirit will lead us into Christ’s presence.

The indwelling of Holy Spirit empowers us with the wisdom from above.