

Advent in Biblical Perspective  
*The Spirit of Christ at Christmas*  
“The Spirit of Christ”

Romans 8:1–17

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We will start with a reading from God’s Word in Romans 8. We will be taking a march through the Bible in this study and you may be reminded of those sword drills when you were a kid. Romans 8:1–17 says [1] *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and 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 for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, [4] in order that the righteous 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] For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. [7] For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. [8] Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

*[9] You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact 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, although 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 Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

*[12] So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. [13] For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

Praise God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the grass withers, the flower fades, God’s Word abides forever and by His grace and mercy may His Word be preached for you.

I’m going to take you through a number of passages in this study so please be ready for I think these are some crucial things that are very foundational particularly as we bring to a conclusion our study this year on the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Our theme verse has been Romans 8:14 which says [14] *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.* Since our theme has been the ministry of the Holy Spirit I’d like to conclude by doing studies on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the First Christmas, during our Advent Season. How and what was the Holy Spirit doing in the very First Christmas? We will get into that after I have laid a solid foundation to kind of sum up some things that I think are very important for us.

Before I get to that I’d like to ask you two questions. Have you ever thought through this; Jesus Christ in you the Hope of Glory? The Bible says that Christ dwells in you, in your heart. So how is that possible? As I understand the Bible God is a Spirit so up until 2,000 years

ago the Second Person of the Trinity existed as Spirit. Then He took upon Himself a true body and true soul. He was Incarnate. He humbled Himself by taking upon Himself humanity – body and soul. He then in that body He lived a perfect life, bore our sins on the cross, went to a tomb, was raised, was glorified and ascended and He is at the right hand of the Father in that glorified body. So how can He be in you if He is there in that glorified body which He will be and have forever? It is in that body that He will come again and you shall see Him face to face. Prior to the Incarnation I would just say He is Spirit and He can be within you but now He is in that glorified body. Again, how can He be in you?

Here is a second question. Why in the Bible you find all these names and titles for the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, but in the New Testament a new name is given to Him? It is a very distinctive name. Many times it is used in the New Testament when it speaks of His relationship in you from Christ. He is called the Spirit, the Spirit of God and He is called the Spirit of Christ in you. The Spirit of Christ is not a phrase used in the Old Testament. This is a new name given to the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. So why is it given and emphasized in the New Testament? This study will be like teaching with preaching instead of preaching with teaching which I usually do on a Sunday morning but I think all these passages we will look at it is important to what we need to see here.

I'd like to start by taking you back to earlier this year when we studied this magisterial, glorious text on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in Romans 8. I want to enumerate five things that you must remember from Romans 8 concerning the Holy Spirit's ministry in your life from Christ. Here is the first thing.

Because of the Holy Spirit's work in your life from Christ through His glorious, triumphant work on the cross, Jesus has paid for your sins and set you free which is known as emancipation. Romans 8:1–4 says [1] *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.* [2] *For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.* [3] *For God has done what the law, **weakened by the flesh**, (we were weak) could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, [4] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

In other words, God sent His Law to show you that you were helpless and hopeless. Then God sent His Son who is our Helper and our Hope because He took upon our sin and obeyed the Law. He took the curse of the Law for us and then He sent the Holy Spirit to set us free from ourselves, our sin and our flesh by bringing us to Him. The Holy Spirit has emancipated you for you once were under the dominion of sin, fear, guilt, shame and its power but you've now been set free by the Holy Spirit. We call that the new birth. You have been born again. So you walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

The second thing is that your mind is being renewed. What does walking by the Spirit look like? Romans 8:5–8 says [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] *For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.* [7] *For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.* [8] *Those who are in the flesh **cannot** please God.*

So you have been emancipated where you were once dead in your sins and now you have been set free. You have been brought to life. The Holy Spirit has given you that glorious work of eyes to see and ears to hear so now you're walking in the Spirit and you do that through the renewing of your mind. So instead of a mind set on the flesh where it's all about 'me' in

self-reliance, self-absorption, self-promoting and self-aggrandizing, it is now by God's Spirit and His Word that I am renewing my mind according to the Spirit.

When God brought you from death unto life the first thing He did was to give you a new perspective with eyes to see and ears to hear. Here is the way I like to explain it to young ministers. There is a very heady moment in your ministry when a new member's class comes through and one of those members will come up and say 'Pastor, I cannot thank you enough for preaching the Gospel. In fact, I went to church my whole life and never heard the Gospel until I came here and heard you preach. Praise the Lord! Pastor, thank you so much!'

Here is the way I humble those in the ministry who hear that. There have been kids who have been raised in the church and they are out there telling another preacher the same thing. I do believe there are times people do grow up in churches that never preach the Gospel but that experience is normally like me where I grew up in a church that preached the Gospel but I never heard it. It wasn't because they weren't preaching it or saying it or that I didn't have physical ears but it was because I didn't have heart ears or heart eyes. Then one day I realized I was a sinner and that Jesus was the Truth, the Way and the Life and all this other stuff is empty. They had been telling me that for twenty years but that day I heard it. That is the work of the Holy Spirit, giving you eyes to see, ears to hear and a new perspective.

Then He gives you a new heart. Then He gives you a new record where He wipes away the sins from your old record and gives you a new record with the perfect righteousness of Christ as He fulfills the requirements of the Law for you. Then He gives you a new family where you are brought into the family of God and God is your Father. Then He gives you a new life for if any man be in Christ He is a new creation, the old has passed away and the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17). Then He gives you a new home for this world is no longer your home, you are just passing through. My treasure is laid up somewhere beyond this blue as the song goes. I am a pilgrim here but I have home there with Him. So that is where I'm headed and that is what I have received since the Spirit has come into my life.

The one thing I didn't get was a new mind but I did get the Word of God and the Spirit of God where I could renew my mind. Romans 12:2 says [2] *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* I start a process of Christian formation by learning to think with the mind of Christ and not the mind of the flesh which is death. The flesh always has a dead end. It will create all kinds of idols to tell you it will make your life wonderful and it's always death and emptiness. Everything under the sun that you pursue with a mind set on the flesh is vanity, emptiness, nothing but when you have the Spirit you have a mind with the things of the Spirit. What Jesus loves you will begin to love and you will begin to love the way Jesus loves. You are on the wonderful pilgrimage of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. You are renewing you mind with the mind set on the Spirit which brings you to the Word of God instead of the mind set on the flesh which is a dead end in this world.

My heart goes out to every young person reading this because you will step into educational facility after educational facility where professors will profess themselves into imbecility and I wish I could be there to talk with you about it. Listen carefully. The wisdom of this world is death. The world calls the wisdom of God foolishness but actually the wisdom of God is life and I want you to build your life on the Rock and not the sands of the wisdom of this world.

Thirdly, the Spirit is with you as the evidence and assurance that you are in Christ and Christ is in you. Now you can please Him because you are wrapped in the righteousness of

Christ and forgiven by the shed blood of Christ. Romans 8:9–11 says [9] *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact 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**, although 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 Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

How is Jesus in you? It is by His Spirit. He is not only going to give life to this body after it dies to raise it but He is putting life in this mortal body right now so that we can present members of this body as an act of worship in life, instead of to sin and its death. That is the evidence and assurance of His presence in you. Those who belong to Christ have His Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not a second blessing after you give your life to Christ for the Holy Spirit is essential to come to Christ and stay in Christ. Without Him you cannot come to Christ for it is impossible. You have permission to come but you cannot come and that is why Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again to see and enter the Kingdom of God. It is not go to Jesus to get born again but you have to be born again to go to Jesus. You got to Him through the Holy Spirit who is the evidence and the assurance that you belong to Christ.

Fourthly, is He is the Spirit of adoption. Romans 8:12-17 says [12] *So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. [13] For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of adoption bearing witness that you belong to Christ and that God is your Father. His people are your brothers and sisters. You are in the family of God. If He began that work in you then He'll complete that work in you. So because you have the Holy Spirit you are sons of God. Some might think Paul should have been a little more politically correct and said ‘sons and daughters of God’ in Romans 8:14. No, he couldn't and he wouldn't and he has already called us children so if you need something inclusive then that would be it.

The phrase in Romans 8:14 ‘sons of God’ is an assigned title. In the first century only sons could receive the name and the full inheritance. So it doesn't matter if you are Jew or Gentile, rich or poor, male or female because your title is that you are the sons of God. You may call God ‘Abba Father.’ Many times this is taught as a term of intimacy and that certainly can be a part of it but the point here is that in the midst of a broken world and a broken body with all that is going on you have God as your Father whereby we cry out “Abba, Father!” It is what Jesus did on the cross when He said “Father, why has Thou forsaken me?” You are never forsaken for you can call upon God no matter what the situation is you're facing in life. This isn't just the coo of sitting on ‘Daddy's’ lap. This is the child that has fallen from the bike and wonders what is going to happen next and calls for ‘Daddy’ and ‘Daddy’ comes and picks His son up. It is the assurance of His intimacy and His presence so that we live life knowing we're fully inheritors. We have a full inheritance and no fear for the Father is with us all the way to glory.

The fifth thing is the Spirit of Christ. Romans 8:9b says [9b] *Anyone who does not have the **Spirit of Christ** does not belong to him.* Why is He called the Spirit of Christ and what

should that mean to you? This Holy Spirit is in you. He is called the Spirit of Christ for two reasons. One, is He is called the Spirit of Christ because Jesus sent Him to you. You have been baptized by Christ with the Spirit into Christ and sealed. Two, that Spirit who was sent to you by Christ is the same Spirit who was with Christ when He came to save you. Where was He with Jesus? Let's start by looking at Luke 1.

In Luke 1 Mary has told she is going to have a child. What is her answer? Luke 1:34–35 says [34] *And Mary said to the angel (Gabriel), "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"* [35] *And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God."* The Virgin gives birth because the One that is conceived with the egg within her is the One who is conceived by the Holy Spirit. So that Jesus will now take upon Himself full humanity. So the Holy Spirit was with Jesus from the very moment of conception – zygote, embryo, birth, the Baby that came forth there in Bethlehem. That was the Holy Spirit's ministry and presence with Jesus, the Son of God, who comes into the world and takes upon Himself humanity. The Holy Spirit was with Him from conception on, into this world as the Son of Man.

Secondly, the Spirit was with Him in His formation, His life as a child. Here we see the summation of the life of Jesus from childhood to the beginning of His public ministry in Luke 2:52 which says [52] *And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.* Those are very carefully chosen words to point out the presence of the Holy Spirit in the formation of Jesus as the Messiah. Isaiah is full of the prophecies of the Messiah. This Messiah would come from David through Jesse from the tribe of Judah. Isaiah 11:1-3a says [1] *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.* [2] *And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.* [3a] *And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.*

This is why the summation of Jesus' life is very simply stating the Spirit of God had formed Him over those 30 years, which was the Spirit of wisdom and understanding in favor with God and with man. The Spirit of God had formed Him up as a child to the point of His life and ministry. That begins His ministry as Messiah as Prophet, Priest and King. A prophet and king could begin their ministry at any time but a priest could only begin his ministry at age 30 and part of that beginning was he had to be baptized by another priest.

So here we see the Spirit of Christ at Jesus' ordination. Luke 3:21–22 says [21] *Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, [22] and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."* In Matthew's account this is what happened when Jesus came to be baptized by John. Matthew 3:13–15 says [13] *Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.* [14] *John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"* [15] *But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.* John knows Jesus is the Messiah which means He is Prophet, Priest and King. John knows Jesus is 30 because he is six months older than Jesus and Jesus has to be baptized by another priest. John is a priest and even his father, Zachariah was a priest. John the Baptist would have gone through the same thing and this is described in Numbers 8.

So what happens when Jesus takes this step to the ordination of the ministry of Prophet, Priest and King at age 30? Two affirmations happen. The Father is one who says 'This is My

Son' and the other is the Spirit who comes upon Him to lead Him forth in the next three years as our Prophet, Priest and King in the substance of His redeeming work. What will be the first step out of the water? Let's go to Luke 4.

Fourthly, we see the Spirit with Jesus in temptation. Luke 4:1–2a says [1] *And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness [2a] for forty days, being tempted by the devil.* This new Adam has come. The old Adam had failed when temptation came to him and Eve in the garden. This new Adam will not fail for He goes into the wilderness filled with the Spirit, meets Satan and declares unto him, 'Depart from Me.' Satan comes to the wilderness just like he did in the garden, tempting by the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the boastful pride of life. There in the garden with everything provided Adam fell into sin and all of his posterity fell into sin with him, as we with him freely partook of that forbidden fruit.

Here is the Second Adam. We are the elect of God in Adam. Jesus goes into the wilderness and here comes the lust of the flesh when Satan asks 'are you hungry, if so command these stones to become bread' and Jesus answers 'man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.' Then comes the lust of the eyes when Satan says 'see the kingdoms for I'll give any and all the kingdoms' and Jesus says 'you shall not worship any other but the Lord God.' Then comes the boastful pride of life in Matthew 4:5–7 which says [5] *Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple [6] and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, " 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and " 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"* [7] *Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"* Here empowered by the Spirit with the Word of God Satan is met in these temptations and Satan has to leave as Jesus was led by the Spirit into that wilderness.

Then fifthly the Spirit leads Jesus into His public ministry and we see this in Luke 4. Luke 4:14–15 says [14] *And Jesus returned (from the wilderness) in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. [15] And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.* Jesus is in His public ministry for three years and there the Spirit of God is with Him. Where will He be led by the Spirit after His three years of public ministry? Let's look now in Hebrews 9.

We learn earlier in Hebrews that all those sacrifices in the Old Testament just told us that we couldn't save ourselves and we needed a vicarious sacrifice but bulls, goats and pigeons couldn't do it, only God could do it when He would send His Son. Hebrews 9:13–14 says [13] *For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, [14] how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.* So sixthly the Spirit of God now leads Jesus to the cross, His crucifixion, the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Then the Bible says He will not leave Him alone at the place of the grave.

The seventh thing is we see the Spirit of Christ in His resurrection. Romans 8:14–17 says [14] *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.* It is the eternal Spirit who raised Him up out of that tomb and into the witness of all who would see Him, the

resurrected Christ. Christ out of the Spirit was born out of the tomb in which that body now became a glorified body and that leads us to the eighth step of the Spirit of Christ in His ministry.

The eighth step is His Ascension, as He is taken up into the glory cloud, the Shekinah glory, the presence of the Spirit of God as He ascends into the presence of God's Spirit taken up from the clouds from the Mount of Olives. We see this in Acts 1. Then what will He do? He will be enthroned. What will He do from that throne? We see this in Acts 2.

In Acts 2 is Pentecost, the ninth thing we see the Spirit of Christ in, the baptism of the Spirit with the people of God, this signal event fulfilling Scripture that will be replicated in the life of every believer who is baptized with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:29–33 says *[29] Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. [30] Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, [31] he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. [32] This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. [33] Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.*

This is Pentecost that declares what Christ does in the lives of His people as He baptizes them, pours out His Spirit upon them and seals them so that all who are led by the Spirit these are the sons of God. So do you see the work of the Holy Spirit with Jesus? We see Him in His conception, formation, ordination, temptation, public ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and Pentecost. It is that Spirit promised by the Father that Christ who purchased Him, who was with Him, now sends Him, the Spirit of Christ upon you.

Here is your takeaway. The Same Spirit of God who was with Christ from the womb to the tomb and then the throne has now been sent by Christ to be with you from your new birth to your new home. That same Holy Spirit who brought forth Jesus from the womb brought you from death unto life. You were born again by the Spirit. That same Spirit who was upon Jesus in His childhood who formed Him up is in you forming you for you are a babe in Christ. Then you grow to be a young man or young woman in Christ and then an older man or older woman in Christ. That same Holy Spirit is forming you as you grow in wisdom, stature and favor with God and favor with man.

It is that same Spirit who has come upon you and ordained you with a spiritual gift that you might use for the Spirit has given you a spiritual gift. You have a ministry for that Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, a local church, whereby your gift is being used by the Lord under the direction of the Holy Spirit. It brings pleasure to the Father when you as the sons of God are using the gifts that He has poured out upon you to enter into your ministry. In the same way He was pleased with the Son who had been given the Spirit as Prophet, Priest and King and we are all prophets who speak the Word of God. We are all priests who can have direct access to Christ and God the Father. We are all kings, for we are a royal priesthood of people from the same Spirit that was upon Christ as Prophet, Priest and King which makes us inheritors of the royal Priest that belonged to Him. He has ordained you that you should serve Him in the body of Christ, taking the Gospel message to the kingdom of this world.

As you bear witness of Christ, just as He was with Jesus, encouraging your brothers and sisters, discipling, evangelizing, the Spirit of God is with you and will give you what to say, how to say it and when to say it as you bear witness for Christ. That Spirit who ushered Jesus to the cross to pay for our sins and to redeem us is in you so every day you take up your cross, die to yourself and live unto Christ. It is that same Spirit who brought Jesus out of the tomb and that

brought you out of the tomb of sin and will bring your body out of the grave one day. It is that same Spirit who brought Jesus into glory in the ascension and it is the same Spirit from Jesus who will take you to a new heavens and a new earth. That same Spirit, the Spirit of Christ is in you, thus Christ is in you.

I love the book of Ezekiel. I love it when Ezekiel is asked ‘Can these dead bones live?’ Ezekiel said ‘Lord, You know’ and then the Lord said to him, ‘Preach to them.’ So Ezekiel prophesied to the bones and there was a great rattling which means there was an earthquake. I’d love to sing for you the song *Dry Bones* that goes ‘The toe bone connected to the heel bone, The heel bone connected to the foot bone, The foot bone connected to the leg bone, The leg bone connected to the knee bone, etc.’ It’s amazing if you like the skeleton but He didn’t just tell him to prophesy to the bones, He told him to prophesy to the Spirit. Now the skeletal crew becomes an army, living and breathing for the Lord.

I thank God when He puts dry bones together but praise God that He doesn’t just give us a skeletal crew. He gives us a living, breathing army with the weapons of the Spirit, clothed with the armor of Christ as the Holy Spirit of Christ, from Christ, who was with Christ, is in you. The One who led Christ all the way to glory will lead you from the tomb of sin to the triumph of Christ, from your new birth to a new home. He will use you just like He did with Jesus. When Jesus went to glory He led captive many to glory and He’ll use you to bring many to glory by the power of the Spirit of God. Let’s pray.

Prayer:

Take a few moments and pray as the Lord leads you. Perhaps the Spirit of God is working in your life today and if you’d like to pray with someone please don’t hesitate to call us here at Briarwood at (205) 776-5200. Perhaps you’re reading this today and you’ve just gotten another glimpse of the amazing fact that the Spirit of God who was with Jesus every step of the way is the One who is in you and therefore Jesus is in me and you are keeping step with that same Spirit who is giving you life. So if you want to pray with someone please call us as well. Father, thank You so much that we who are dead live and that we who were dead have been resurrected from a spiritual cemetery. We have been born again in the womb of the Gospel by the power of the Spirit who is forming us and framing us so that we grow in wisdom, stature, favor with God and favor with man. He will take us forth into ministry with the gifts that You have ordained for us. He will give us what to say and how to say it as we walk through this life bearing witness for Christ and encouraging our brothers and sisters, who will allow us to die to ourselves as we take up our cross every day and who will allow us to be useful to Your praise and glory in this world. He will also bring us to a new heavens and a new earth. Jesus thank You for purchasing and pouring the Spirit of our God upon us as the Spirit of Christ for the One with You is now with us to bring us to You. We praise You, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

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## LIFE TAKEAWAY

The same Spirit of God Who was with Christ from the womb to the Tomb and then the Throne has now been sent by Christ to be with you from your New Birth to your New Home.