The Truth That Transforms: The Book Of Romans "The Ministry Of The Holy Spirit" Romans 8:9-17 Cornerstone Church of Poway Pastor Ed Turley August 15, 2021

Big Idea: If we want real life change, we must allow God's Word to transform us.

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit:

1. He Adopts Us Into God's Family

"For you did not **receive** a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the **Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."** The Spirit himself **testifies with our spirit** that **we are God's children**. Now if we are children, then **we are heirs**--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed **we share in his sufferings** in order that we may **also share in his glory.** I consider that **our present sufferings are not worth comparing** with the glory that will be revealed in us." **Romans 8:15-18 (NIV)**

"But when the kindness and love of **God our Savior** appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the **washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit**, whom **He** poured out on us generously through **Jesus Christ our Savior**." **Titus 3:4-6 (NIV)**

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2. He Guides Us Into A Transformed Life

"You, however, are **controlled** not by the sinful nature but **by the Spirit**, if the **Spirit of God lives in you**. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not **belong to Christ**." **Romans 8:9 (NIV)**

"Therefore, brothers, we have an **obligation**--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the **Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body**, you will live, because those who are **led by the Spirit of God** are **sons of God**." **Romans 8:12-14 (NIV)**

3. He Transforms Our Body & Spirit

"But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your **spirit is alive** because of righteousness." **Romans 8:10 (NIV)**

"As for you, you **were dead** in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved." **Ephesians 2:1-5 (NIV)**

"And if **the Spirit** of him who raised Jesus from the dead **is living in you**, he who raised Christ from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** through his Spirit, who lives in you." **Romans 8:11 (NIV)**

"For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies." **1 Corinthians 15:53 (NLT2)**

"For the **creation was subjected to frustration**, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its **bondage to decay** and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been **groaning** as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **Romans 8:19-22 (NIV)**

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the **firstfruits of the Spirit**, **groan inwardly** as **we wait eagerly** for our **adoption** as sons, **the redemption of our bodies**. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it **patiently**."

Romans 8:23-25 (NIV)

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4. He Intercedes For Us According To God's Will

In the same way, the **Spirit helps us in our weakness**. We do not know what we ought to **pray** for, but the **Spirit himself intercedes** for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints **in accordance with God's will.**" **Romans 8:23-27 (NIV)**

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, **prayers, intercession and thanksgiving** be made for everyone-- for **kings** and all those in **authority**, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all menthe testimony given in its proper time." **1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NIV)**

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• Am I allowing the Holy Spirit to transform my life?

My next right step I will:
[] Yield myself to the Holy Spirit and Accept Jesus as my Savio
[] Listen to the Holy Spirit's Guidance
Trust the Holy Spirit is interpreting my prayers
] Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism August 29, 2021

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Icebreaker for families: What does it mean for you to be God's child?

The Ministry Of The Holy Spirit:

1. He <u>Adopts</u> Us Into God's Family Read Romans 8:15-18

When you accepted Jesus as your Savior, what did God do?

What does the Holy Spirit do for us?

How are we to approach God? How does this impact you?

Why are sufferings mentioned here? How do they compare to heaven?

Read Titus 3:4-6

How does this describe God's character towards us?

What role does the Holy Spirit do?

How much of the Holy Spirit does God give us?

2. He <u>Guides</u> Us Into A Transformed Life Read Romans 8:9

How does this describe our relationship with the Holy Spirit?

Is it possible to be a Christian and not have the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?

Read Romans 8:12-14

What is our obligation according to this passage?

Read Romans 8:10 What does the Holy Spirit do to our spirit? Read Ephesians 2:1-5 How does this describe us before we knew Jesus? What does the Holy Spirit do to our spirit? Read Romans 8:11 & 1 Corinthians 15:53 What will the Holy Spirit do for our earthly bodies? Read Romans 8:19-22 How does the rest of creation fit into this scenario? Read Romans 8:23-25 Where should our focus be? 4. He Intercedes For Us According To God's Will Read Romans 8:23-27 How does the Holy Spirit help us when we pray? Read 1 Timothy 2:1-6 What is clear on how we should pray? Who should I pray for to know Jesus? **Close in prayer:**

3. He Transforms Our Body & Spirit