

# Sermon

Romans 8:12-17

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Romans 8:1-11 (NIV)

9 You ... are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.



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12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an **obligation**—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you **live** according to the flesh, you will **die**; but if by the Spirit you **put to death** the misdeeds of the body, you will **live**. 14 For those who are **led by the Spirit** of God are the **children of God**.



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15 The Spirit you received does not **make you slaves**, so that you live in **fear** again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your **adoption** to sonship. And by him we cry, **“Abba, Father.”**



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John 3:1-17 (NIV)

1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” 3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”



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“A new ascribed honor status would derive from a new birth.

Thus, a second birth, especially if it differed substantially in honor level from the first birth, would be a life-changing event of staggering proportions.”



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4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, **no one can enter** the kingdom of God unless they are **born of water and the Spirit**. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, “You must be born again.””



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“Being born of the Spirit is talking not about a new mystical height of experience but about a way of living out the life of God in the world. When you see like this, you see the connection between Jesus and God and you see God in Jesus not trying to compete for adoration in the market of miracle workers, but seeking to establish a relationship of love and community. The focus is **life**. The means is **relationship**. The motive is **love**.”



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“(John) 3:16’s focus is not an act of vicarious atonement, but God’s act of giving and sending the Son to make the Father known. ...

John, therefore, sets us on the way towards the doctrine of the trinity by insisting on the fact that relating to the person of the Son is relating to the Father, without equating the two, and that living in that relationship is living by the Spirit.”

<https://billloader.com/MkTrinity.html>



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## Romans 8:12-17 (NIV)

16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that **we are God’s children**. 17 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**.



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