

### Privileged to Serve

Speaker: . Andy Duncan a.m.; Tom Fair p.m.  
 Announcements/Prayer.....Bruce Clopton  
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Randy Rives  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Charles Dooley

#### Assisting

Dwight Callens \* \* Lamar King  
 Lloyd Smith \* \* Jared Agan

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

#### Evening

Opening Prayer ..... Andy Duncan

#### Lord's Supper

Dwight Callens \* \* Lamar King

Closing Prayer.....Jacob King

#### Communion Preparation

Month of April ..... Kathy St. Clair

Month of May..... King Family

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

April 21 ..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

April 28 .....Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

#### Wednesday Evening - April 24, 2019

Prayer/Announcements.....Randy Rives

Song Leader.....Lamar King

Devotional.....Byron Madison

### Service Times

#### SUNDAY

Bible Study..... 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship..... 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.

### Elders

ANDY DUNCAN ..... (662) 416-2222

TOM FAIR ..... (601) 681-8293

### Deacons

LAMAR KING ..... (601) 604-2656

BUILDING/GROUNDS

BYRON MADISON..... (601) 227-1374

YOUTH

RANDY RIVES..... (601) 513-4785

EDUCATION & WORSHIP

ALBERT ST. CLAIR ..... (601) 626-7815

### Works Supported

Robert Martin

Stacey Ferguson

South Pacific Missions

Pine Vale Children's Home

Corinth, Mississippi

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday Bible Class 29

Sunday Morning Worship 57

Sunday Evening Worship 24

Wednesday Bible Study 16

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,464.00

### Daily Bible Readers

April 14, 2019 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



April 21, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

## The Holy Spirit in Romans ~ Part 2 of 4 ~

The Holy Spirit produces life in the believer (**Romans 8:5-8**). These scriptures teach that those who live according to the Spirit are those that set their minds to think, to will, and do the *“things of the Spirit”* (**Romans 8:5**). Notice the Paul uses the thought of being *“carnal minded”* (**Romans 8:6-7**). To be *“carnal minded”* is to set the mind on selfish human desires that are contrary to God’s purposes, and this leads to death (**Romans 7:5**).

God’s Holy Spirit helps to alter our thinking. To be *“spiritually minded”* brings life eternal and peace. The carnal mind opposes the will of God and refuses to obey him. Because those attitudes can never be reconciled with following Christ, they must be cleansed from all who seek to *“please God”* (**Romans 8:8**). So those who have the Holy Spirit, will be spiritually minded, and therefore, this will produce life. The opposite, being carnal minded, will lead to death.

The Holy Spirit dwells in us (**Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 3:16, II Timothy 1:14**). To discount this fact or to ignore it is dangerous. Jesus promised it (**John 14:17**) and Peter confirmed it (**Acts 2:38-39**). Paul consistently taught that the work of the Holy Spirit included dwelling inside of a believer. Clearly there is a difference between dwelling inside the believer and working miraculously to draw attention to God with supernatural spiritual gifts. God has been, and always will be, engaged in nature. However he does not always interact supernaturally or miraculously just because He is still here. He works according to His own plan and it is evident that supernatural works were limited to the early Christian age (**I Corinthians 12-13**). However, He has promised to live within His people (the new temple) forever.

The Holy Spirit enables us to have the mind of the Spirit (**Romans 8:9**). It is important to remember that the *“Spirit of God”* and the *“Spirit of Christ”* both refer to the Holy Spirit (**Romans 8:9**). They are all one (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), as already mentioned. In fact, Christ’s prayer proves this in **John 17**. Many other scriptures also explain this, such as **Romans 1:20, Colossians 2:9, Acts 17:19, John 1:1ff**, etc. Having the mind of the Spirit will allow a Christian to be guided by the spirit of truth.

It is important to note some things concerning *“to the flesh.”* To live according the flesh is to have fleshly desires (**Romans 8:5**). It also leads to spiritual death (**Romans 8:13**). While all Christians are indwelt with the Spirit, they still struggle with and yield to the flesh. However, it is not God’s plan. Some Christians are still carnal and struggle with the presence of fleshly desires (**I Corinthians 3:1-4, Romans 7:13-25**). This is why they must be filled with the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit enables one to belong to Christ (**Romans 8:9**). Anyone who is in Christ has the Holy Spirit of God. Therefore, Christians belong to Christ if they are in Him. If one is not in Him, then they do not have the Spirit, and are not His. Therefore, all those in Christ have the Spirit, and belong to Him. Notice that if a person doesn’t have the Spirit then they are not His. It is important to remember that those who say that they don’t have the Holy Spirit are actually denying that they belong to God. When a Christian leaves the fold of God and falls from grace they can also lose the Holy Spirit which disqualifies them as children of God. They can fall from God’s grace. It is a dangerous thing to leave the safety of God’s everlasting arms. Christians are reminded over and over again in the scriptures to remain faithful in their walk with God despite the trials they will face. ~Ray Reynolds~

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