

3—Life in the Spirit

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INTRO:

I. → Romans 8:9-11

*You, however, are not in the flesh but are in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God **dwells** in you.*

And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to him.

*→ 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though the body is dead through sin, the **Spirit is life** through righteousness.*

*→ 11 And if the Spirit of him who **raised** Jesus from the dead dwells in you,*

*he who **raised** Christ from the dead will also make alive your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

II. ALL OF THE PLANTS COMING BACK TO LIFE

BODY:

I. Dwelling in Us

Grk (*oikéo*) to dwell

A. The Spirit dwells in us if we dwell in the Spirit.

1) John 14:17-18

*“The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He **dwells** with you and will **be in you.**” (NKJV)*

2) BAPTO—LEARNING HOW TO DIVE

B. Christ belongs to us as long as we belong to Him.

1) Galatians 5:24-25

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

2) CHUY—NEVER GOING TO BE LOST

II. Raising Us Up

Grk (*egeíro*) to raise up

A. The Spirit breathes life where there is death and despair.

1) Ezekiel 37:9-10

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the Spirit; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Lord God says: Come, Spirit, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the Spirit entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

➔ *11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost; we are cut off.' Therefore prophecy and say to them . . . 'I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land.'"*

2) SHOW CLEANING UP THE BARN FINDS

B. The same Spirit that raised Jesus can raise us up too.

1) Colossians 3:1-2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

2) GOD RAISING JESUS FROM THE DEAD

Grk (*egérthe*) aorist passive, not active

III. Making Us Alive

Grk (*zoopoiéo*) to make alive, do life, quicken

A. There is a life in Christ that we cannot find anywhere else.

1) THE NICEAN CREED

a) From thence he shall come again, with glory, to judge the *quick* and the dead

b) And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of *life*

2) **Ephesians 2:4-5**

*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.*

3) **BRAVEHEART—EVERY MAN DIES**

B. As long as His Spirit dwells in us, we have His life in us.

1) **John 5:21**

*“Just as the Father raises the dead and **makes them alive**, so too the Son **makes alive** anyone he wants.” (CJB)*

2) **MISSING MOLLY—BUT NOT THE SPIRIT**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (NKJV)

Ephesians 2:21-22

In whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (NKJV)