

**“THE HOLY SPIRIT & YOU” Series**

Message #2 of 3

**“DEATH VS. LIFE –  
CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRIT”**

*God the Father desires you and wants to give you life and peace  
as you are controlled by the Holy Spirit of Christ.*

Romans 8:1-9

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What controls you?

What drives you?

What makes your life come alive?

**1. DESIRES – YOURS OR THE SPIRIT’S (v.5-6)**

- “Minds set on what **the sinful nature** desires.”
- “Minds set on what **the Spirit** desires.”

“What we dwell on in our minds will shape the way we live our lives. What you set your mind on shapes your character and behavior.” – Timothy Keller

Who does the Spirit desire?

What does the Spirit desire? – Galatians 5:22-24

**2. HOSTILITY – GOD’S LAW (v.7-8)**

- “The sinful mind is **hostile** to God.”
- “The sinful nature **cannot please** God.”

“Faith pleases God.” – Hebrews 11:6

“Set your hearts & minds on things above.” – Colossians 3:1-10

**3. LIFE – BY GOD’S SPIRIT (v.9)**

- “You are controlled not by the sinful nature but by **the Spirit**.”
- “If **the Spirit of God** lives in you.”

“Throw off ... the sin, fix your eyes on Jesus.” – Hebrews 12:1-3

“Think on these things ...” – Philippians 4:8-9

The Trinity – verse 9

**THE SPIRIT** – “You are controlled by the **Spirit** who lives in you.”

**THE SON** – “You have the Spirit of **Christ**.”

**THE FATHER** – “The Spirit of **God** lives in you.”

“To set your mind is more than simply thinking about something. It means to focus intently on something, to be preoccupied with it, to let your attention and imagination be totally captured by something. Wherever your mind goes most naturally and freely when there is nothing else to distract it—that is what you really live for.” – Timothy Keller

**Who** has control of **your** life?

**“Holy Spirit, take control, and help me.”**