



House of God or House of Cards?

Romans 8:9-11

I. The Way to Be Certain of Your Salvation (v. 9)

- A. You are not in the _____, but in the Spirit (v. 9a)
(Rom. 8:5-8; 7:5-6; 6:6, 13)
- B. If, in fact, the Spirit of God _____ in you (v. 9b)
(1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16)
- C. If you don't have the Spirit, you don't have _____ (v. 9c)
(Jude 19; Jn. 14:17)
- D. What does indwelling _____ like?

Diagnostic Evidence of the Spirit Dwelling in You

Evidence #1: _____, not just consequences

Evidence #2: A _____ you didn't have before

Evidence #3: New _____ you can't explain

Evidence #4: A _____ to Jesus that you never get tired of

Two Warnings and One Comfort

Warning #1: Don't confuse exposure to Christianity with _____

Warning #2: Don't build assurance on a past moment with no present _____

Comfort: Don't confuse the presence of _____ with the absence of _____

II. The Way to Be Certain of Life (v. 10)

- A. Christ in you brings _____ (v. 10a)
(2 Cor. 4:16; Acts 20:24; Isa. 40:28-31)
- B. Christ in you brings _____ (v. 10b)
(Rom. 3:21-26; Phil. 3:8)

III. The Way to Be Certain of Transformation (v. 11)

- A. The _____ is clearly on display
(Jn. 14:16, 26; 16:7; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 1:2)
- B. The Spirit who _____ Jesus dwells in you (v. 11a)
(Acts 2:24; Rom. 6:4)
- C. The Spirit will raise _____ like He raised Jesus (v. 11b)
(Jn. 5:21; Rom. 8:39; 2 Cor. 3:6; 1 Thes. 4:13)

TAKE HOME:

- Check your _____ – Am I truly in Christ, and does His Spirit dwell in me?
- Live like a _____ – Am I living as one who belongs to God, or as if my life is still my own?
- Face the storm with _____ – Am I looking at suffering and death through the lens of resurrection?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *'But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.'* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Is the Holy Spirit truly dwelling in me, or am I relying on past experiences or outward religious behavior? (Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 3:16)
2. When I sin, do I feel genuine conviction before God, or just regret over consequences? (Jn. 16:8; Psa. 51:4)
3. Is there an ongoing battle with sin in my life, showing evidence of the Spirit's work? (Gal. 5:17; Rom. 7:22-23)
4. Do I have new desires for God's truth and holiness that I can't explain apart from His Spirit? (Ezek. 36:26-27; Phil. 2:13)
5. Am I drawn to Christ Himself—not just to Christian activities or moral improvement? (Jn. 15:26; Phil. 3:8)
6. Is my assurance of salvation based on the present work of the Spirit, or just a memory of a decision? (2 Cor. 13:5; Matt. 7:21-23)
7. Am I living as God's temple, surrendering ownership of my life to Him daily? (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 6:16)
8. Do I face suffering and the reality of death with resurrection hope, trusting in God's promised transformation? (Rom. 8:11; 1 Thes. 4:13-14)
9. Look at the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? How can you live your life differently this week based on what you learned from this passage?

"When a person is born again, he is no longer in the flesh but in the Spirit. He lives in a different sphere. Just as a fish lives in water and a man lives in the air, so a believer lives in the Spirit."

- William McDonald, *Believer's Bible Commentary*