

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 *flesh*, but in the Spirit
- B. If, in fact, the Spirit of God *dwells* in you
- C. If you don't have the Spirit, you don't have *Christ*
- D. What does indwelling *look* like?

Diagnostic Evidence of the Spirit Dwelling in You

Evidence #1: **Conviction**, not just consequences

Evidence #2: A **war** you didn't have before

Evidence #3: New **desires** you can't explain

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

Two Warnings and One Comfort

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

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

Comfort: Don't confuse the presence of **struggle** with the absence of **salvation**

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

- A. Christ in you brings *life*
- B. Christ in you brings *righteousness*

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

- A. The *Trinity* is clearly on display
- B. The Spirit who *raised* Jesus dwells in you
- C. The Spirit will raise *you* like He raised Jesus

TAKE HOME:

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