



THE THIRD GOD

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Your New Life
In the Holy Spirit

YES, NO, & MAYBE

1. I am a Type A person.
2. I am comfortable when other people make decisions for me.
3. Jesus is the Bright Morning Star.
4. Most of the people I come into contact with are “spiritually dead.”
5. Orphans are adopted because people feel sorry for them.

DIG DEEPER

LOSING CONTROL?

- READ Romans 8:5-8.

5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

- » Do People think themselves into the way they act, or act themselves into the way they think?
- Is this different for those who are new believers than it is for the person who is a longtime believer? Does that perspective change?
- » We as a church have historically placed value on self-control and self-reliance. What does it mean to be “controlled by the Holy Spirit”?
- How do you do that? What does it look like?

NOTES

DIG DEEPER...continued:

THE ONE WHO RESURRECTS:

- READ Romans 8:9-11.

9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

» Can you have a relationship with Christ apart from the Spirit?

» Scripture attributes Jesus' resurrection to the Holy Spirit. We all have a chance to share that same experience.

- How have you see the Holy Spirit breathe life into those who are "spiritually dead"?

WALKING WITH GOD:

- READ Romans 8:12, 13.

12 Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.

13 For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.

» The lower nature does not automatically fade away when a person comes to Christ. The need to put to death the evil practices of the body is ongoing. What are concrete ways to crucify the old self?

ADOPTION: A FOREIGN IDEA:

- READ Romans 8:14-17.

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. 17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

» What does it mean to be "adopted" as God's own children?

- What did it mean to the Romans?

» What does it mean to you that the Holy spirit stands as a witness for you in the adoption case?

MY PRAYERS:

1. How do I need to act more like an adopted child of God?
2. In what areas can I stop being so self-controlled, and let the Holy Spirit take full control?
3. What new thing does God need me to know about His character this week?