

## **RESURRECTION POWER**

Romans 8:11 ... "But if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

The reference to "Spirit" in today's verse pertains to the Holy Spirit. If we look at verse 9 of the same chapter, we find: "...Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His," meaning that you are not saved or born again if the Holy Spirit is not dwelling in you. Please understand, you are not saved by allowing the Holy Spirit to dwell in you; you receive the Holy Spirit as the result of accepting Christ as your Lord and Savior. God sends his Holy Spirit to live in the soul of every believer, and to guide us. Christ, who left Heaven and came to earth to be born as a man, had the Spirit within him constantly, because he was sinless.

You were not born sinless, but you were redeemed through your acceptance of God's gift of salvation. Now that you are saved, you have the Holy Spirit living in you. So that, like Christ, when you die the Holy Spirit will resurrect you to live again just as he did Jesus. We have stated previously that when you die it is only your body that dies. Your soul will go immediately to either Hades, where unbelievers await judgment, or to the presence of God. Upon death, the Holy Spirit continues to reside in your soul so that he can resurrect you, just as today's verse indicates.

I did not become a Christian because I wanted to live forever. Instead, I feel in love with God and wanted to be in his presence and avail of his blessings and promises. However, the promise of resurrection is a nice benefit. And, I say "hallelujah" that I will not suffer the torment of Hades or eternal punishment in hell. Can you say that?

Are you born again and guaranteed a place in Heaven? If you are truly saved and the Holy Spirit is operating in you, you will know without a doubt that you are going to Heaven. If you are not sure you are going to Heaven, then chances are you are not saved. You can fix that today. Just confess your sins to God and ask him to live in you through his Holy Spirit. If you do that, you will never doubt your future again.

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