

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

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THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ROLE IN CONVICTION, SALVATION, SEALING, & ASSURANCE

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Key Scriptures:

Romans 8:1–3 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

1 Corinthians 12:3 (ESV)

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:26–28 (ESV)

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Discussion questions from this week's sermon

As Christians we battle with sin even though Jesus has ultimately set us free from it. This struggle can lead a Christian to question their own “setting-free” by Jesus (their salvation). **Read Romans 7:15-24. How do these verses help us put the battle into perspective?**

Read Romans 8:1-3. **Why did Paul write this immediately after what he said at the end of Romans 7?**

Scripture says that those “in Christ Jesus” are saved. **What does Romans 8:9 say about another requirement of salvation?**

So, to be saved, we must have the Holy Spirit within us (Romans 8:9). **But how can we know that what we have is the true Holy Spirit & not a forgery?** (The rest of the questions below should help answer this.)

In 1 Corinthians 12:3 (also Romans 8:15) it says that no one can confess Jesus as Lord without the Holy Spirit's enabling. **Do you feel that your personal testimony lines up with this? Does this help assure you in your salvation?**

Read Romans 8:13-14. We can summarize it by saying that those who have the true Holy Spirit will put sin to death in their lives, but only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- **Why must we go through the Spirit to fight sin?**
- **Remembering the end of Romans 7, do you think we'll ever be done with “putting sin to death” in our lives? Does God call us to be perfect?**
- **Does the fact that you hate the sin in your life (that has been revealed by the Holy Spirit) and are trying to change show that the Spirit is inside you?**

Sometimes even good theology can come short of us through a time on insecurity about our salvation. **Read Romans 8:26-28. How can this verse help you through those times? Is there anywhere else you should look in times of weakness?**