



# THE HOLY SPIRIT

Understanding His Person,  
His Presence and His Power

## GROUP CURRICULUM

SERMON

**THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SANCTIFICATION (ROMANS 8:13)**

DATE

**FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

*For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. Romans 8:13*

1. Recall the words of the older man speaking with a young D.L. Moody:

*“Young man, honor the Holy Spirit or thou shalt break down.”*

How would that hit you, if someone said that to you today?

2. **Romans 8:13** sits in the middle of one of the most beautiful chapters in all of Scripture. Briefly summarize what the apostle Paul has said in the first 12 verses of this chapter.
3. Have you ever had a friend who claims that they are a follower of Christ, but they are not interested in changing their sinful habits or behaviours? How did you, or how could you encourage this friend?
4. See **Romans 8:30** and **Philippians 1:6**. What realities is the believer in Jesus Christ guaranteed by the power of the Holy Spirit?
5. When the Bible speaks of sin and being saved from it, we see that it can be described in terms of time. Complete the chart below:

<b>PAST</b>	Justification (i.e. Romans 3:24)	“I _____ saved, from the P_____ of sin”
<b>PRESENT</b>	Sanctification (i.e. Romans 6:22)	“I _____ saved, from the P_____ of sin”
<b>FUTURE</b>	Glorification (i.e. Romans 8:17)	“I _____ saved, from the P_____ of sin”

6. Can you explain John Owen’s statement that “you must be killing sin, or it will be killing you”.
7. Why do you think it is true that sin, when it’s left unchecked, will always be seeking to lead us to the greatest possible devastation?
8. Imagine that within your group’s accountability time, one member shares their struggle with spending too much money. What would be some ways that you could be tempted to encourage that person in only fleshly ways? According to the teaching this weekend, how should we be encouraging that believer?
9. What struggles have you been facing in your flesh that you’ve been trying to fight on your own? Where is God calling you to cry out today to the Holy Spirit to change you?

Personal Reflection Question: If God were to withdraw his Holy Spirit from me, would I even notice the difference?