

Crystallization-Study – Complete Salvation of God in Romans

One Spiritual, Practical, and Experiential Union

Of the Spirit of Life

- The one spiritual, practical, and experiential union is of the **Spirit of life**, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ (the pneumatic Christ), and the Spirit of resurrection indwelling our spirit, with our spirit, the regenerated believers.
 - **Rom. 8:2** – For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.
 - **Rom. 8:9-11** – But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of the One 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 indwells you.
 - **Life** is the content and issue of the **Spirit**
 - The **Spirit** is the **ultimate and consummate manifestation of the Triune God** after His being processed through incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection and becoming the indwelling life-giving Spirit, who is life to all the believers in Christ.
 - The **law** that has freed us from the law of sin is of this Spirit of life.
 - This **law of the Spirit of life** is the **spontaneous** power of the Spirit of life.
 - Such a spontaneous law **works automatically** under the condition that fulfills its requirements.
- We must **put to death the practices of the body**, but we must do it **by the Spirit**.
 - **Rom 8:13** – For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.
 - On the one hand, we must **take the initiative** to put to death the practices of the body; the Spirit does not do it for us.
 - On the other hand, we should not attempt to deal with our body by relying on our own effort without the **power of the Holy Spirit**.
 - When we take the initiative to put to death the practices of our body, the Spirit comes in to apply the **effectiveness of Christ's death** to those practices, thus killing them.

With Our Spirit

- The one spiritual, practical, and experiential union is of the Spirit **with our spirit**, the regenerated spirit of the believers in Christ indwelt by the Spirit
 - **Our spirit** must take the initiative to **witness first**; then **the Spirit** will **witness with** our spirit.
 - The Spirit of God today, the all-inclusive Spirit of the Triune God, **dwells in** our regenerated human spirit and **works in** our spirit. These two spirits are one; they live together, work together, and exist together as one mingled spirit.
- The Spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are **children of God and heirs of God**. This means that **we will inherit God**.
 - We are joint heirs with Christ and possess the **spirit of sonship** to cry, “Abba, Father.”
 - The Spirit witnesses to our most basic and elementary relationship with God, namely, that **we are His children**. Therefore, this witnessing of the Spirit **begins** from the time of our spiritual birth, **our regeneration**.
- The Spirit of life and our regenerated spirit **become one** in one spiritual union. We then pray with groanings by the interceding Spirit.
 - We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit is with us in like manner and helps us in our weakness.
 - The weakness here is our **ignorance of how we should pray**.
 - In our groaning, **the Spirit groans also**, interceding for us.
 - His interceding is mainly that we may **experience the transformation in life** for growth into the maturity of sonship so that we may be fully conformed to the image of God’s Son.

Forming a Mingled Spirit

- The one spiritual union is with our spirit, the regenerated spirit of the believers in Christ indwelt by the Spirit, **forming a mingled spirit**.
 - The two spirits are not only **united** to be a union; they are also **mingled** to be a mingled spirit.
 - It is difficult to discern the word *spirit* used in Romans 8, in Galatians 5, and in other places in the New Testament, unless it is clearly designated to denote God’s Holy Spirit or our regenerated human spirit.

- **Rom. 8:4** – That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.
- The word *spirit* used here denotes our **regenerated human spirit** indwelt by and **mingled with the Spirit**, who is the consummation of the Triune God.
- Being joined to the Lord refers to the believers' **organic union** with the Lord through **believing into Him**.
 - Such a union with the resurrected Lord can **only be in our spirit**.
 - *One Spirit* in **1 Cor. 6:17** indicates the mingling of the Lord as the Spirit with our spirit.
- It is by this Spirit, who witnesses assuringly with our spirit, that we are the children of God and that we know that **the Lord of all abides in us**. It is through this Spirit that we are joined to the Lord as one spirit, and it is by this Spirit that we **enjoy the riches of the Triune God**.

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