

Life in the Spirit

Inside every Christian are two different natures; two ways of thinking and acting. One is the old sinful nature and the other is the new spiritual nature. Those natures are constantly at war with each other. Many times it feels that our sinful nature is winning, but it doesn't have to be that way. John 10:10 says, “The thief's (devil) purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My (God) purpose is to give life in all it's fullness.” We don't have to continue to be in bondage to sin any longer.

True _____ comes from having a
_____ with Christ.

Freedom from _____

Through the blood of Jesus Christ we can be set free from
_____ and _____.

Freedom from the _____

We can only overcome the power of sin when we are
_____ to Jesus.

Free from _____

We are a _____ or _____ of the Living
God, and have an inheritance that will never _____.

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Share about a time in your life when you felt that your sin nature was winning out over your spirit nature and a time when you felt that your spirit nature was winning out over your sin nature.

When we make a decision to follow Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we experience freedom in our lives. The three areas mentioned in the sermon today were freedom from condemnation, freedom from the power of sin, and freedom from abandonment. Which of these areas have you struggled the most with in your life.

Digging Deeper

Read Galatians 5:16-26. What are the characteristics of those who are controlled by the Spirit nature? What are the characteristics of those who are controlled by the sinful nature? Which nature is being exhibited more in your life right now?

As a son or daughter of Christ, we have many spiritual blessings. Read the following verses that talk about some of these blessings: II Corinthians 5:17, I Peter 2:9, Ephesians 3:17-18, Acts 13:38-39, Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 1:14, Isaiah 61:1, Ephesians 5:29-30, I Peter 4:10.

Applying the Word to Life

It is impossible to win the battle with sin in our own strength and power. We need to put on the full armor of God and allow the Spirit of God to help us overcome. What are some things you can do on a daily basis to grow more in the Spirit?