

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

Rom 8:9-14

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Does the Spirit of Christ dwell in you?
- B. Our text shows the importance of the Spirit of Christ dwelling in us.
- C. If Spirit of Christ does not dwell in us, we are none of His
- D. Note: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all God
Jhn 1:1,14; Heb 1:8; Acts 5:3-4. So, in talking about the Spirit of Christ we are also talking about the spirit of God and the Holy Spirit
- E. In order to see if the Spirit of Christ dwells in us Let's look at some characteristics of Jesus while here on earth.

DISCUSSION:

I. CHRIST HAD THE SPIRIT OF HUMILITY

- A. Christ lived humbly Phil 2:5-8
- B. Jesus taught humility
 - 1. Be as a little child Matt 18:1-3
 - 2. He washed His disciples' feet Jhn 13:12-17

II. CHRIST HAD THE SPIRIT OF TENDERNESS

- A. Dealings with a sinful woman Lk 7:44-50
- B. Dealings with an adulterous woman Jhn 8:1-11
- C. Death and raising of Lazarus - Jesus wept Jhn 11:1-44

III. CHRIST HAD THE SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS

- A. He taught forgiveness
 - 1. Love your enemies Matt 5:43,44
 - 2. How often forgive Matt 18:21,22
- B. Jesus demonstrated forgiveness
 - 1. Peter denied but Christ forgave Mk 16:7; Acts 2:14
 - 2. Was willing to forgive his enemies Lk 23:34

IV. CHRIST HAD THE SPIRIT OF LOVE

- A. He loved the world Jhn 3:16
- B. He loved his friends (Lazarus) Jhn 11:36
- C. He even loved his enemies Matt 5:44

V. CHRIST HAD THE SPIRIT OF TRUST

- A. He was dependent on His Father Jhn 5:30
- B. He spent much time in prayer Lk 6:12

VI. CHRIST HAD THE SPIRIT OF OBEDIENCE

- A. He went about His Father's business Lk 2:49
- B. Fulfilled all righteousness Matt 3:15
- C. Pleas'd His Father Jhn 8:29
- D. Climax of His obedience Heb 5:8,9; Phil 2:8

CONCLUSION:

- A. Jesus told His disciples that He had given them an example and they should do as He had done Jhn 13:15
- B. We must follow his steps 1Pet 2:21; 1Jhn 2:6
- C. These matters we have talked about are characteristics of the Spirit of Christ! Do you have the Spirit of Christ, or the same kind of spirit Christ had?
- D. If not, then you are none of His! Rom 8:9
- E. Jesus Christ had the spirit of obedience – do I, and do you? Jhn 6:38