**Introduction**

“I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” John 16:7

Many believers today are unaware of the importance of the Holy Spirit’s ministry in our life.

It is impossible to live the Christian life apart from the Holy Spirit’s work in our life.

I. We have a new standing in Christ. Romans 8:1-4

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

“The law of the Spirit of life has set us free from the law of sin and death.”

The “old law” could not make us holy. The “new law” of life in the Spirit can and does change us. All the requirements of the law are fully met in those who live by the Spirit.

There are two ways to live. We can live by the law of sin and death or we can live by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. We are either in the world or in Christ. One pulls down, the other lifts up.
II. We have a new mind set.
Romans 8:5-8

We are to set our mind on what the Spirit desires.
It means to think about, aim at and be intent on.
It involves our mind and our will.

How holy is your thought life?
It is a lot easier to say no to sin, if we are not putting ourselves in the way of temptation.

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” Philippians 4:8

III. We have a new power.
Romans 8:9-11

If we are in Christ, the Holy Spirit dwells in us and we will not be controlled by the sinful nature.
The dominant influence in our life has changed.

We grieve the Holy Spirit when we sin. Ephesians 4:30
We quench the Holy Spirit when we ignore his warnings and promptings. 1 Thessalonians 5:19
We are filled with the Holy Spirit when we yield our life to his control. Ephesians 5:18

Life in the Spirit is possible only for the person who has Christ in their heart.
“The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.” I Corinthians 2:14

It is hard for the believer to describe the work of the Holy Spirit in our life, but it is real.

IV. We have a new obligation.
Romans 8:12-17
We have an obligation – not to the sinful nature – but to Christ.

We are to put to death the misdeeds of the body.
We can only do this by his power.

Our identity has changed.
- We are sons and daughters of God.
- We can call God our “Abba Father” just like Jesus.
- We are co-heirs with Christ.
- We are children of the King.
Now live like it!

Conclusion
“God commands us to be filled with the Spirit. If we are not filled, we are living beneath our privileges.” D.L. Moody
For the next 30 days, begin each day by asking God to fill you with his Spirit and use you.