

TEXT: Romans 8:1-18

THEME: "The Leading of the Holy Spirit"

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US OUT OF GUILT INTO FREEDOM

Romans 8:1 — Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...

Psalms 25:7 — Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US IN THE RECLAIMING OF OUR BODIES FOR GOD

Romans 8:11 — And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Romans 8:13 — For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live...

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US INTO INTIMACY WITH THE FATHER

Jesus makes intimacy with the Father possible through the torn curtain of His own body.

Romans 8:15-16 — [15] For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." [16] The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Matthew 27:50-51 — [50] And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. [51] At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

Hebrews 10:19-20 — [19] Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, [20] by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body...

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US THROUGH SUFFERING TO GLORY

Will you face suffering? = Yes

Acts 14:22 — Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. (KJV)

Will you make it through? = Yes

Psalms 23:4-6 — [4] Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. [5] Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. [6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. (KJV)

Will it be worth it? = Yes

Romans 8:18 — I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.