



From the message on August 9, 2026

Series Title: Live By the Spirit

This series is a verse-by-verse study of Romans 8. Many incredible themes and doctrines are woven through this vibrant chapter; we will focus on the relationship we enjoy with the Holy Spirit.

Each week, we will grow in our understanding of how the Holy Spirit effectively makes the Gospel relevant for us. We will learn to cooperate with the Spirit in daily life, to engage in the thoughts and behaviors of a Spirit-led person. The result will be the development of Christian identity, spirituality, and resilience.

Icebreaker Question

When you were growing up, what was something that made you feel like you truly belonged in your family?

Read Romans 8:16-18

1. What stood out to you most from Romans 8:16–18 or this week's message?
2. Romans 8:16 says, *"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."* What are some voices or circumstances that compete with the Spirit's reminder of your identity in Christ?
 - When are you most tempted to define yourself by your performance, failures, or the opinions of others rather than by what God says about you?
3. Paul says we are "heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ." What do you think it means that our greatest inheritance is ultimately God Himself, not merely the gifts He gives us?
 - How would believing that more deeply change the way you pursue success, comfort, or security today?
4. Paul assumes that those who belong to Christ will experience suffering. Which type of suffering do you most identify with right now?
 - The cost of following Jesus
 - Living in a broken world (loss, illness, disappointment, etc.)
 - The ongoing struggle against sin

How does Romans 8:17–18 reshape the way you view that suffering?

5. Paul writes that *"the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed."* How does keeping your future hope in view help you endure present difficulties without minimizing their reality?

6. This week's challenge is to write a Beloved Charter and read it each day. What is one biblical truth about your identity in Christ that you want to intentionally remind yourself of this week? How can your group encourage one another to live from that identity? See your email or [click here](#) for instructions for writing a Beloved Charter.

Encourage Each Other Through Prayer

Events

- Playground Grand Re-Opening Party August 23.
- Tuesday Studies & Classes begin August 25
- Thursday Women's Connect Classes begin August 27
- Women's Retreat: September 25-27
- Men's Retreat: October 9-11
- Find more information at calvary.church/events