

Series: Romans VIII: Acceptance

Message: I Can Now Experience Divine Acceptance: Part Two

Scripture: Romans 8:5-13 (ESV)

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Main Concept: Moral Modification vs. Spiritual Transformation

How can I know I'm accepted by God?

By the Evidence of a Changed Life...a Transformed Life.

Last week: The Word of God Says So.

This week: Your Life Says So.

Romans 8:5-13 (ESV)

⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

1. The transformation of our minds, by the Spirit. (v. 5-8)

"The Christian is someone who has been born again by the work of the Holy Spirit and who now, as a result of that internal transformation, has his mind set on what the Spirit of God desires." - James Montgomery Boice

2. The transformation of our whole being, by the Spirit. (v. 9-11)

3. By The Spirit ... put to death ... live. (v. 12-13)

"The vigor and power and comfort of our spiritual life depends on our mortification of deeds of the flesh...Do you mortify? Do you make it your daily work? Be always at it whilst you live; cease not a day from this work; **be killing sin or it will be killing you.**" – John Owen, The Mortification of Sin