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### **The Spirit Brings New Life ( \_\_\_\_\_ )**

Throughout the New Testament it becomes clear that true life can only come from God, and that following our own way leads to death. This is why Paul teaches that those who live by their sinful flesh will die, but those who live by the Spirit will have life (Romans 8:11-13). Ultimately, our sin will bring death and God's Spirit will bring resurrected life. But we can have a taste of what that is like now by choosing the Spirit and finding life in obedience.

### **The Spirit Comes to Live in Us (Indwelling and \_\_\_\_\_ )**

Once we put our faith in Christ and are born again, the Spirit comes to dwell in us. This is the promise that Peter made at Pentecost (Acts 2:37-38), and it is clearly taught in Scripture (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Part of the purpose for this indwelling is to be an "earnest" or a "guarantee" of our salvation (Ephesians 1:14). God has made some impressive promises in the gospel, and to prove He was serious when making such grand promises He gave us the Spirit as a guarantee the other blessings will come.

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### **The Spirit Makes Us Part of God's Family ( \_\_\_\_\_ )**

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### **The Spirit Unites Us to Christ and the Church ( \_\_\_\_\_ )**

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