

## ***God's Indwelling Presence***

Romans 8:14-17

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**Introduction:** Jesus spent the last evening of His earthly ministry prior to His arrest preparing the disciples for what lay ahead, He revealed that in God's sovereign timing, His return to the throne in heaven would be followed shortly by God's pouring the Holy Spirit into the hearts of believers. Today as we celebrate the feast of Pentecost we are reminded once again of our hearts being the very dwelling place of God. The presence of the Spirit changes everything as the Spirit is now able to direct us from within. In today's text, Paul reminds us that we still daily face the choice to follow the Spirit's direction or to once again become slaves of fear.

**Prayer:** Father, thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Guide us to a deeper understanding of what that means to us as we read and discuss together. Amen.

**Review:** What was your chief takeaway from the 'Peculiar People' study on I Peter?

**Read:** Romans 8:14-17

### ***Discussion:***

1. What does it mean to be led by the Spirit? See Galatians 5:16-18, 22-26
2. What does it mean to be a Child of God? See Galatians 4:4-7. What are the benefits and obligations of being a Child of God?
3. Where and when are you tempted to fall back into fear? What alternative to this does the Romans passage encourage?
4. What does the Holy Spirit witness to your spirit?
5. Describe your understanding of the inheritance believers have in Christ.

**Application:** Take time to listen to what the Spirit of God is saying to you this week.

**Prayer:** Father, deliver us from falling into the trap of fearfulness. Instead, help us to focus on your presence and care for us now and the rich inheritance secured for our future. Amen.