

# Secured By The Sovereignty of God

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Romans 8

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The Over-Arching theme of Romans 8 is the unquestioned and unchangeable eternal security of those who are in Christ.

# Justification Accomplished Sanctification Started

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The LORD sovereignly accomplishes our unchangeable justification through the perfect obedience and sacrificial death of Christ on our behalf.

When this happens, He also initiates and enables our sanctification through the work of regeneration and the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

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## Romans 8:9-11

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<sup>9</sup> However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

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## Romans 8:12-14

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The Christian life is initiated, empowered, and secured through the indwelling Holy Spirit

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- Though the body is dead...
  - It is subject to dying/ it is mortal (2 Cor 4:16)
  - It is condemned/ under judgment (Genesis 2, Romans 6:23)
  - It is corrupted by sin (Romans 7:18, Galatians 5:17)

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There is no Christian life apart from the Holy Spirit

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On account of God's sovereign choice to predestine his elect to be united to Christ by faith and therefore justified, they are brought to life and regenerated by the Holy Spirit who indwells Christians as their source of life.

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  - He is the guarantee of eternal life

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There is no condemnation for you if you are in Christ... If you are united to Christ, you are declared permanently right with God. (8:1)

If you are united to Christ, you have been irrevocably given the indwelling Holy Spirit (vs 9)

If you have been united to Christ and given the Holy Spirit, you are guaranteed to be raised up to eternal life (vs 11)

The Spirit is life and will give life – it's a guarantee...

This is the promised future of all who believe,  
sovereignly secured by God and unbreakably bound up  
in the inseparable operations of the trinity...

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