

Christmas and God's Spirit
Romans 8:1-11, Pew Bible p. 944
December 14, 2025

I. The Enemy and Friend of Christmas (V. 1-4)

- A. Christmas is an attack on sin.
- B. Christmas is a testimony of the Holy Spirit.

II. The Magnification and Exposure of Christmas (V. 5-8)

- A. Christmas magnifies those who are ruled by the mind of God.
- B. Christmas exposes those who are ruled by the mind of sin.

III. The True Spirit of Christmas (V. 9-11)

- A. The true spirit of Christmas is the Holy Spirit of God.
- B. The only way to be in the Spirit is to be in Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Romans 8:1-11.
2. What does God sending His Son to die on a cross say about God's war on sin, according to verse 3?
 - a. How does our relationship with Jesus make us war against our sinful nature today?
3. What does the coming of the Holy Spirit have to do with the death of Jesus on the cross, according to verses 2-4?
 - a. Could anyone have the Holy Spirit if Jesus did not die on the cross? Why?
4. How can you tell the difference between someone ruled by the Spirit and someone ruled by the flesh, according to verses 5-8?
 - a. How have you been ruled by the flesh in the past or present?
 - b. How have you been ruled by the Spirit in the past or present?
5. Is it possible for someone to be a Christian and still live according to the flesh? Why?
 - a. How can a non-Christian stop living according to the flesh, according to verse 1?
 - b. How can a Christian stop living according to the flesh?
6. Is it possible for someone to be a Christian and not have the Holy Spirit, according to verse 9?
 - a. How is the presence of the Holy Spirit an encouragement to Christians?
 - b. How does the promise of the Holy Spirit encourage you in your fight against the flesh?
7. Pray for our church members to live according to the Spirit and not according to the flesh. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.