

## **Romans 8:9-39 Study Guide**

From *A Graceful Uprising* Study Guide

### **Key Concepts**

- We each need to be made holy by a radical transformation of focus made possible with the help of the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- Real life change is a joint effort of the desire to live a holy life along with a surrendered dependence upon the sanctifying work of the Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit bears witness that we are God's children so that we can confidently cry out to God as our Father.
- In the groans of life, the Holy Spirit reminds us that God's ultimate purpose is not our comfort but to mold us into the image of his Son.

### **Explore the Text**

1. We are assured of the reality that the Holy Spirit dwells within the Christian (vv. 9-11). According to these verses, how important is it that you believe in the Holy Spirit's indwelling?
2. Spiritual life requires putting to death the deeds of the body with the help of the Spirit (v. 13). How might we lean too heavily upon ourselves or upon the Spirit in putting sin to death?
3. We no longer have to live in fear because we have received the Spirit of adoption into God's family (vv. 15-16). Where does the Holy Spirit bear witness that we are God's children?
4. All the events of life (both good and bad) are pointing toward a united purpose in God's will (vv. 27-30). According to these verses, what is God's ultimate purpose for your life?

### **Transform Your Life**

1. When are you most tempted to fall back into fear (v. 15) in your Christian life?
2. When do you most tend to question your place in God's family? Why?
3. How fully have you embraced God's will for your life?
4. What promise in this chapter will you focus upon and really claim this week?