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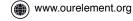
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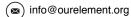
ROMANS 5:1

ROMANS 6:6-8

ROMANS 8:14-16

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INTRODUCTION

God doesn't want us to wonder about how things will turn out for those who trust Jesus. He is so committed to making sure we know that Jesus' payment on the cross was enough to pay for our sins that He has also given us His Spirit inside

of all of us who trust Him to guarantee our eternity and remind us that we belong to Him. The miracle is that the Creator puts His own Spirit inside of His creature (us) to assure us that we will never have to be apart from Him again because of our sin. He stamps our adoption into His family as "complete" and shows us each day how to live in the freedom of belonging to Him forever.

DISCUSSION

What tends to trigger your insecurities? What (or who) do you turn to for security when that happens?

EXPLANATION - READ ACTS 2:1-4 & EPHESIANS 1:13-14

What are the requirements in these passages for having God's Spirit inside us?

Does knowing that the Spirit of God guarantees our eternity, bring comfort or peace to you personally?

What are some ways that knowing our eternity is secure brings freedom or joy to us in our day-to-day lives?

APPLICATION – READ ROMANS 8:14-16

How does the idea of being adopted into God's family affect the way you see and treat people who also trust Jesus, but are different from you?

What area of your life do you need to depend on the Holy Spirit for help, instead of your own strength, effort, or discipline?

MISSION

Imagine together what it could look like if the Church (everyone who has God's Spirit inside them) lived in a way that reflected the unity we have and the grace that we have been given. What are the biggest changes you think outsiders would notice compared to the reputation Christians have today?

How can we help one another grow to better reflect the family of God which we've been adopted into?