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## The Have's and the Have Not's

Romans 8:9-17

INTRO: There are those who have the Spirit of God, and there are those who do not have Him. The Bible plainly teaches us that those who have Christ have the Holy Spirit. Without the working of the Holy Spirit, we cannot know Christ. It is His work that brings us to the Savior. If a man is not born of the Spirit, he is not and he cannot be saved (John 3:5-8).

There are many things that those who have the Holy Spirit possess, and there are many things that those who are lost, those who have not the Spirit, lack.

### I. THOSE WHO HAVE THE SPIRIT HAVE SALVATION (Rom 8:9)

- A. Those who have Christ have the Spirit, and those who have the Spirit dwelling in them have salvation. This is what the Bible says!
- B. Having Christ means having a home in heaven (John 14:1-3).
  - 1. Yes, God has many things for His children. He has many things that belong to those that belong to Christ.
  - 2. God's Spirit reveals to us those things that others cannot see (I Cor 2:9-14).
- C. If the Spirit does not dwell in you, then you are lost!
  - 1. There are those who teach that you can have Christ without having the Holy Spirit. Friends, that's just not so.
  - 2. "You have a dwelling house, a roof over it, beds in it, tables, chairs. That is where you dwell. That is your home. That is your protection against all intrusions. The Spirit of God comes and says, 'I have a home, and my home is in you.' He dwells in us. He tabernacles in us. What an honor!" (Norris 112).

### II. THOSE WHO HAVE THE SPIRIT HAVE LIFE (Rom 8:10)

- A. The life that the believer has is eternal, never ending life (John 10:28).
- B. I John 5:11-13 emphasizes the fact that life is in the Son of God; and that in Him, we have life.
  - 1. If we have Christ, we have life eternal; and as we have seen, you can't have life without the Holy Spirit.
  - 2. You see it is the Holy Spirit that quickens us so that we can believe (John 6:63-65).
- C. Friends, without the Spirit, you do not have Christ; and without Christ, you do not have eternal life.

### III. THOSE WHO HAVE THE SPIRIT HAVE RESURRECTION (Rom 8:11)

- A. One of these days, the dead in Christ are going to rise. That's the promise of God to those who have the Spirit of God.

- B. The Holy Spirit is not only the Spirit of Life. He is also the Spirit of Resurrection.
    - 1. The Spirit who raised Christ, the Spirit who gives us life is the Spirit who will give life to our mortal bodies.
    - 2. I Thessalonians 4:14-17; I Cor 15:51-55.
  - C. If you do not have the Spirit, you will not have part in the first resurrection (Rev 20:6).
- IV. THOSE WHO HAVE THE SPIRIT HAVE HIS LEADING (Rom 8:14)
- A. The saved have the Holy Spirit to guide their lives. This is something that the lost do not have.
  - B. As the believer acknowledges Christ, He directs him (Prov 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all thing heart....”)
- V. THOSE WHO HAVE THE SPIRIT HAVE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION (Rom 8:15-16)
- A. Believers have assurance because they are adopted.
    - 1. We are children of God by faith in Christ and have become adopted into the family of the Father.
    - 2. We have assurance because He has given us of His Spirit (I John 5:13).
  - B. We have assurance because we are sealed by the Holy Spirit; we have His seal (Eph 1:13-14).
- VI. THOSE WHO HAVE THE SPIRIT HAVE AN INHERITANCE (Eph 1:14)
- A. We have a reservation in heaven.
  - B. Because the believer has been set apart unto God by the Holy Spirit, he has an incorruptible inheritance (I Pet 1:2-4).
- VII. THOSE WHO HAVE THE SPIRIT HAVE THE INDWELLING
- A. The New Testament teaches that the body of the saint of God is the dwelling place of God’s Spirit (I Cor 6:19; John 7:38-39).
  - B. When you trust Christ, it is a work of the Spirit who lives within the believer.
- VIII. THOSE WHO HAVE THE SPIRIT HAVE COMFORT
- A. The believer has the Comforter living within him.
  - B. It is God’s plan that His children have comfort as they travel through this life (John 14:27; 16:33). He is our *paraclete*, the “one called along side.”
  - C. Ron Crisps says, “A miserable Christian is guilty of unbelief (Rom 15:13) and is a poor testimony” (33).

CONCLUSION: Are you a have or a have not?