



## **How We Can Know Our Future**

### **Romans 8:1-14**

*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11—KJV).*

*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you (Romans 8:11—NASB).*

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In some sense, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead was a team project. Jesus said that He had the authority and power to lay down His life and take it up again, and His Father had given Him the command or charge to do so (see John 10:18). In 1 Corinthians 6:14, we read this good news: “And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.” Finally, in Romans 8:11, we learn that the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead; and if the Holy Spirit dwells in us, He will raise us from the dead. After death, in God’s perfect timing, God will someday give His children new resurrected bodies especially suited for living in a new heaven and on a new earth. We can know whether God’s promises of new life after death apply to us. We can know the direction of our daily choices. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to indwell His followers, and we can know if we are walking in the Spirit according to the Bible. We can also know if we are walking according to the flesh, according to our emotional desires in unreasonable ways that are contrary to our conscience and the will of God. We can know if we have set our minds, our life purpose, our ultimate intention on loving Jesus and following His ways. Through faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit gives assurance, life, and peace to those who set their minds on loving and serving God and others.

## Thinking Further

1. What is the law of sin and death and how can someone be set free from this law?
2. How can the righteous requirement of the law be fulfilled in us?
3. What does it mean to set our minds of the things of the Spirit?
4. Describe the mind set on the flesh.
5. Describe some aspects or qualities of the Christian's way of life.