

## **Life in the Spirit, pt 2 (Romans 8:12-17)**

### **A lesson from the cuckoo**

### **Review and Context**

Security

2 operating systems

Promised resurrection

Security requires genuine faith

### **We're obligated (12-14)**

Obligation ⇒ response to a master (12)

Untangling flesh, spirit and the Spirit

Flesh: physical & mental processes of the natural man.

Satan has access to our flesh by reason of the fall.  
(see Eph 2:2)

The flesh is governed by the spirit

Salvation does not eradicate the flesh or its functions, but brings God's presence and power to crush its domination.

The spirit: the inner essence of our being, sometimes described as our heart and/or mind.

Where X dwells when He is accepted.

Regeneration does not change the nature of the flesh.  
It gives us potential for the HS to control the flesh.

How does this work out in practice?

Coping with the flesh (13-14)

A work of God to which we surrender

Assurance: Spirit-leading ⇒ our belonging

### **Fearless Intimacy (15-16)**

Slavery to sin ⇒ fear; we don't have it!

Adoption

Confirmation

### **Eternal Heirs (17)**

Our security is not just the absence of judgment, it's also the promise of our future, an inheritance we share in Christ when His glory is revealed.

### **Take it Home**