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The Great Not Yet

Romans 8:12-25

Who is the Holy Spirit?

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1. I am already	to the Spirit,
but not yet free from (v. 12-17)	the
Therefore, be pu	utting
2. I am already aware of	f the,
but know we do yet h (v. 18-22)	nave the
Therefore, have	the right about this world.
3. I am already secure in	n,
but we hope for what (v. 23-25)	·
Therefore, wait ₋ for your redemp	tion.

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Discussion Questions

- 1. What does it mean to "live according to the flesh" versus "living by the Spirit"? Can you share a personal experience where you faced this choice?
- 2. This text mentions that believers should be putting sin to death? How do we do this personally? How do we do this corporately (together as a church)?
- 3. How does the concept of spiritual adoption resonate with you? In what ways does it provide comfort or challenge your understanding of God's love?
- 4. Paul talks about present suffering compared to future glory. Why do you think he emphasizes this contrast?
- 5. This text (v. 25) with a call to "actively wait" (perseverance) for the redemption of our bodies. How might we better actively wait without falling into despair about our current circumstances?
- 6. How does this text (especially v. 17-25) counteract any notion of a prosperity gospel that implies following Jesus automatically makes life easier and more prosperous?