

Catch the Wind

(Lift: Carried by the Wind of the Spirit – Part II)

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1. This new series is about the Holy Spirit and our own spirituality. The second sermon in the series deals with our assurance of our salvation. Pastor Steve listed three risks factors for lacking assurance. What were they and why do each of them cause problems?

a)

b)

c)

2. Read Romans 8:9 – 11 and try to put this somewhat circuitous argument in terms that a nonChristian might be able to understand?

3. Read Romans 8:12-17 and look at this description of our heritage. What is the significance of this relationship with God?

4. Romans 5:5 describes a gift God gave us. Galatians 4:4-7 explains why He did that. See if you can put the pieces together.

5. Pastor Steve then shared four kinds of authorities by which we will “know” about our salvation. Name each and describe them, including the extent to which that person would love and/or fear God.

a)

b)

c)

d)

6. Are these four authorities for knowing we are saved simply levels of maturity, such that one should expect to experience them all at some point in our Christian walk? Or are they distinct vantage points that some people occupy because of their experiences and inclinations? How easy is it to move from basing our assurance on one authority to a different one?

7. It is one thing to read the words that we are adopted children of God. It is another to feel the emotional attachment that a child feels for a parent and know that the loving parent is the Creator of the Universe. How did Pastor Steve describe this relationship and what we would feel if it were real?