

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 9/19-20/2022 *Romans Chapter 8:1-13!*

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OPENING PRAYER

Theme of the Book of Romans: “Righteousness by Faith” – 1:16-17

***Romans Chapter 8 – No Condemnation....No Separation!* Theme: The great theme of Chapter Eight is the security of the Christian, the absolute certainty of the “final perseverance” of the saints and of the ultimate, complete and entire salvation of everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ!**

Free from Indwelling Sin - vs. 1-11; Sonship Through the Spirit – vs. 12-17; From Suffering to Glory – vs. 18-30; God’s Everlasting Love – vs. 31-39!

“There is therefore now no condemnation” begins chapter eight, taking up again what the Apostle had been saying in chapter five, (*Rom 5:16, 18, 21*) *And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in*

justification. [18] Therefore, as through one man's offense **judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation**, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. [21] so that as sin reigned in death, even so **grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Life in the Spirit (None -Chapter 6; 1X – Chapter 7)

(Rom 8:1-13) There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the **Spirit**. For the law of the **Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the **Spirit**. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the **Spirit**, the things of the **Spirit**. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the **Spirit**, if indeed the **Spirit** of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the **Spirit** of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the **Spirit** is life because of righteousness. But if the **Spirit** of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His **Spirit** who dwells in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the **Spirit** you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the **Spirit**.

- **What a wonderful, glorious, liberating, verse that is!** Later on, in verse 34 of this chapter, Paul is going to ask the question, “*Who is he who condemns?*” He is going to answer that question by declaring, who isn’t condemning. “*Who is he who condemns?* It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.” Christ is interceding on our behalf. Interceding for us, He can’t be condemning us! You would never hire a lawyer who would tell the judge what a rat you are. You want him to tell how wonderful you are and all of the wonderful things you have done! You want someone to present you in good light and not in bad light. *Who is he who condemns?* So, he points out that it isn’t Christ who is condemning you.
- **Who is it then who condemns? When Satan is cast out of heaven**, the angels declare (**Rev 8:13**), *Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth. (Rev 12:9-10) So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. [10] Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.* Satan is the accuser! Satan is the one who condemns the child of God. He pounces upon every weakness. He pounces upon every failure, using that as a soapbox to condemn you. But “*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus!*”
- **Those who are in Christ Jesus - When Jesus was talking to Nicodemus about the necessity of a spiritual birth**, He said, if you are to enter the kingdom of heaven, you’ve got to be born again. When Nicodemus asked concerning the process, how it could be? Jesus answered, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up. That whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- **The answer to, how it is to be born again, is by believing in Jesus Christ!** For then Jesus went on to repeat that only in a little different way. He said, (**Joh 3:16**) *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* I need to see Christ on the cross for my sin! I need to believe that His death on the cross, paid in full, the penalty and the guilt that
- **Neither do I condemn you! You remember the story told in John’s gospel of the woman (John 8:3-11)**, that was brought by the Pharisees to Jesus, who was caught in the very act of adultery. They said our law said we are to stone her. What do You say? And you remember the response of Jesus was, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” Then as He wrote on the ground, they began to depart from the oldest to the youngest, until finally Jesus stood up and they were all gone. He said, “Woman where are those

accuser of yours?" Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." **Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."** You see, He didn't come to condemn! He came to save!

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

- **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ has made me free from the law of sin and death.** People are not sinners because they sin. People sin because they are sinners! The natural man cannot know the things of God. He doesn't understand them. They are spiritually discerned. The man in the life of the flesh is alienated from the life of God. It is opposed to it. There is an enmity between man's flesh and the Spirit of God. He's not subject to the law of God. When we look to Jesus Christ in faith and have this spiritual birth, we discover that there is a war that then begins! A war of the spirit, my new spirit, the spirit that has been made alive, that which Adam lost, I have gained through the new birth. My spirit is now at war against my flesh. These two are contrary.
- **In the beginning, God! One sovereign, holy, infinite, God! God began to create** invisible and visible things. He created the world of the spirit, the angels, invisible to man. He created the universe, the material universe. He created man and placed him here on the planet we call Earth. But in the beginning when there was just God, and the government of God, all of the created beings within the universe were subject unto God. There was only one government, that of God! It was the government of light and life. But Satan rebelled against the authority of God, seeking to exalt himself against God. There was formed then a second government in the universe, which was in rebellion against God's government. A government of death and darkness.
- **When Adam was created and placed upon the planet, Earth, he was created within the government of God,** living in fellowship and harmony with God. God came into the garden and communed with Adam. God spoke to Adam. There was this beautiful communion between God and man, as God's Spirit communed with Adam's spirit. But Adam sinned by disobeying God and eating the forbidden fruit. So, by one man, sin entered the world and death by sin because death has passed unto all men. Exercising this capacity of free choice. He has left the government of God, light and life. He has entered into Satan's government of death and darkness. Now Adam is controlled and ruled by his fleshly appetite! Now mindful of his physical needs. Before he died in the Spirit, he was oblivious to the things of the physical. He had the mind of the spirit in fellowship and communion with God.
- **But now separated by sin, Adam he could not come back into the kingdom of God.** His spirit was dead. The door went one way. So, **God so loved the world.** A world that was in rebellion against Him. A world that was in such rebellion against Him that when He sent His only begotten Son, they crucified Him because He represented God! He represented the holiness of God and the purity of God. Man did not want to submit to the law of God. So, they crucified the Son of God.
- **The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. But now man has a choice.** I can choose to live under the government of death and darkness, or I can choose to live in the government of light and life. My choice. I can choose to rebel against God and the things of God. Or I can choose to walk after the Spirit. I can be born again! I can have a Spiritual birth! That is, by believing in Jesus Christ! Seeing that He took my sin and the judgment for my sin on the tree. Looking and living, looking in faith to Jesus. When I do, I leave the government of death and darkness and I enter into the government of light and life as I submit myself to Jesus Christ and His lordship in my life! As I am in Christ, there is no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus!
- **Now this law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.** You see, this other law, the sin and death, the law of the flesh, sin and death. The law of my sinful nature. But now there is another law. It is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, which makes me free from the law of sin and death. It is the expelling power of the greater force. *(1Jn 4:4) You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.* This life, the law of the Spirit of life, contrasted over against the law of sin and death! There is always that contrast. The kingdom of God is life and light. The kingdom of Satan is death and darkness. When you are dealing in the realm of darkness, you are dealing in Satan's kingdom. You are dealing in the realm of light; it is God's kingdom. Dealing in the realm of death, you are talking about Satan's kingdom. Dealing in the realm of life, you are talking about the kingdom of God!

Rom 8:3 *For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son (His only begotten, not created, Son!) in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,*

- **But the law could not make us righteous because of the weakness of our flesh.** Our inability to keep it. The law could not give us the power to keep the law. There is no power in the law for obedience. It points to the path, but it can't give you the power to walk in that path. Thus, it often leads to frustration. When I try to keep the law, but I find the weakness of my flesh forbids me keeping it. Paul describes that struggle in chapter seven. The good that I would I do not. That which I allow not, I do. I hate the things that I do. Wretched man that I am.
- **God did by sending His own Son!** He is God's own Son! He always was! He always will be eternally the Son of God. Not adopted! Begotten, not created! A declaration of something that had already been true, and true from all eternity! This is a measure of the love of God, the measure of the love of God to you! He so loved you, that He sent His own Son, His only begotten Son, into the world for you!
- **Certainty of salvation – The love of God!** The Apostle is dealing here with the great problem of assurance and certainty of salvation! The Sonship of Christ is one of the most wonderful guarantees of that! It is not only that it is God who is doing all this to you, but look at this Person, in whom He is doing it. He does not save us through any mere man. He does not save us by creating a second man like Adam. (*1Co 15:47*) *The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.* God has now committed Himself to this extent, that He has sent His own Son! God Himself is involved in our salvation. He is putting Himself into it! For that reason, we can be sure and assured that there will be no failure! We can see that this second "Man" will never fail as the first Adam did! Doubly guaranteed by His sending His only begotten Son! It is all accomplished through God the Father's Own Son and mediated to us through God the Holy Spirit!
- **In the likeness of sinful flesh.** The Apostle goes out of his way to say not just that He did not come "in sinful flesh", but **in the likeness of sinful flesh!** Clearly he want us to realize that our Lord's human nature was not sinful, as we are told in many other scriptures! For example, (*Luk 1:35*) *And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.* What a description of the Babe – that Holy One! The archangel describes Him in that way because He is holy. Because there was no sin in Him. He is unlike every other babe that has been born into this world!
- **To become our High Priest!** (*Heb 4:15*) *For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.* Why did God send His Son into the world in the likeness of sinful flesh? The answer is that God sent His Son to save man. In order to save man, the Son had to become man. Also, He has to come in this way to conquer death for us. Before death can be conquered human nature must be able to go through it and come out on this farther side. He has done so! He is the first-born among many brethren!
- **God's Glory is vindicated!** The greatest reason of all is this, that God's glory is vindicated, God's honor, God's justice, God's righteousness are revealed, manifested, glorified for all eternity. Because His Son came in the likeness of sinful flesh, as man, for, He did the work, and He did it perfectly, and God is just and the Justifier of him that believes in Jesus!

Rom 8:4 *that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

- **As Christ is now dwelling in me. I in Him.** God sees me in Christ. Not only does He see me in Christ, but He sees me in the finished work. Back in the fourth chapter, we saw how God can call things that are before they are because He knows that they are going to be. God speaks of something as already existing though it doesn't yet exist, but He knows it's going to exist. He spoke of Abraham's son as existing though as yet he wasn't born. But God knew that He was going to give Abraham a son so He can speak of him as existing because God is eternal. He knows what is going to be. So, He can call things that are which are not because He knows they are going to be.
- **As God looks at me, He doesn't see me in my present state of imperfection,** as He is working in me to bring me into that fullness in Christ, which shall be. I haven't yet achieved or attained the fullness. The Holy

Spirit still has “under construction” signs set out in areas of my life. He is still working. But as God sees me, He sees me in the completed work of Jesus Christ because He knows He is going to complete that which He started! The Lord is going to perfect His work in my life. He that has begun a good work in me is going to continue it until it is accomplished.

- **It is wonderful to realize that as God looks at me, He looks at me complete in Christ** as the work already accomplished. That is why there is no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. The righteousness of the law has been fulfilled now **in me, not by me**. I could not do that. But it has been fulfilled in me as Christ by faith dwells in me.

Rom 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

- **Now as we said, man is actually a threefold being, body, mind, spirit.** The mind is sort of a neutral position. If I am ruled by my body then my mind will be the mind of the flesh. That is, concerned with body needs. If I am ruled by the spirit, then my mind will be filled with and concerned with the things of the spirit. So, whether or not I have a mind of the flesh or a mind of the spirit, determines on which side I am living. If I am living after the flesh, then that is going to occupy my mind. If I am living after the spirit, then that is what is going to occupy my mind, the things of the spirit.

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

- **Notice in this contrast that peace is included** in being spiritually minded. It was previously mentioned with respect to justification by faith. (**Rom 5:1**) *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.* While there is always dissatisfaction and restlessness with sin, living in the flesh, we see here, in the Spirit, there is peace with God, as well as peace with one’s self! Peace is promised to anyone who really has come to a knowledge of God!

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity (hatred, opposite of agape love) **against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.**

- **The carnal mind or the mind of the flesh is in rebellion against God.** It is not subject to the laws of God. It is in rebellion against God, such as we read in (**Psa 22:7**) *All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,*

Rom 8:8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

- **We were created for one purpose. That is to bring God pleasure.** Basic, bottom line, that’s the purpose of your existence. If you so live to please God, then you have a life that is rich and fulfilling. As David said, my cup overflows! You know that rich fullness in life because you are living to please God. Your life is pleasing to God. And that’s why you exist! But if you live to please yourself, you’ll never be pleased. You’ll always be wanting something more. There will always be that nagging within. Demanding more. Keeping you in that state of turmoil, frustration. Life has got to be more than this. If I just had. Then I would be happy. If I just could, then I would be happy. We live in these fantasies of happiness, joy and contentment. We have devised in our minds what we think would bring us happiness. But when we have achieved those goals, we find they are empty, and we still want more. As Jesus said to the woman at the well. If you drink of this water you thirst again. That ought to be written over the top of every ambition that you have and everything that you think is going to bring you happiness and satisfaction! Write over the top of it. **Drink of this water, but you are going to thirst again!** It won’t satisfy! Because you weren’t created to live for you own pleasure. You were created to bring God pleasure. Your life will only be fulfilled when you bring pleasure to God!
- **In Revelation, chapter five, as John is there in the heavenly scene, and he is observing the worship of God** upon the throne, surrounded by the cherubim, who are declaring the eternal nature of God and His holiness. The twenty four elders as they hear the worship of the cherubim. They fall on their faces. They take their golden crowns. They cast them on the glassy sea that is before the throne of God. They declare Thou are worthy to receive glory and honor for You have created all things and for Your good pleasure they are and were created. You are part of the “all things.” God’s creation. And you were created for His pleasure.

- **Now if you find yourself rebelling against that thought, that is your sinful nature.** For our sinful nature rebels against that. I think, that's not fair! I ought to be able to live for my own pleasure. And you can rebel against it. God allows you that freedom but guaranteed when you get to the end of the road, like Solomon, who did not withhold from himself anything that his heart desired. When he came to the end of the road, he said, emptiness, emptiness! Everything is empty and unfulfilling! And that's exactly where you will end a cynic like Solomon, who tasted to the full of the things of the flesh and found it all to be empty and unfulfilling. But a life that is lived after the spirit, is so rich, so fulfilling, peace, joy, blessings! They that are in the flesh cannot please God. But that's why you were created. That's the purpose for your existence.

Rom 8:9 *But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed (assuming that, if on the whole) the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*

- **But then Paul declares, that you are no longer mastered by the flesh, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you!** Oh, yes, we still get caught up. I'm still living in this body. As long as I am living in this body, there are going to be body needs that must be taken care of. But they are not to rule over me! I'm not to live for that. Yes, I have to eat, but I eat to live. I don't live to eat! Yes, there are certain physical needs that we have as long as we are in these bodies, but they are not to control our lives. We are to be controlled by the Spirit of God, by the mind of the Spirit.
- **Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.** A powerful statement! But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His!

Rom 8:10 *And if (assuming that, if on the whole) Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

- **The old body of the flesh is dead.** I reckon my old nature to be dead. Crucified with Christ. To have forgiveness of sin, I must see Christ on the cross, bearing my sin for me. Bearing the punishment of my sin. I look at the cross. I see Him hanging there and I realize that He is purchasing my redemption. Now I have forgiveness of sin. If I want power over the sin nature that wants to control my life still, then I must see myself hanging on that cross with Jesus. The old life, the old nature. Dead. I reckon it to be dead. Crucified with Christ. Nevertheless, not I now, but Christ is living in me. The life that I now live, I am living by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Seeing Christ dying on the cross brings me forgiveness of my sins. Seeing myself there crucified with Christ, gives me power over the sin principle in my life. If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is life. The life that I now live. That new life in Christ. Living by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me!

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

- **That new life. If any man is in Christ Jesus, he is a new creation!** The old things have passed away. Everything becomes new. This whole new life of the Spirit that I have in Christ Jesus by the power of God's Spirit flowing in me. That same power that raised Jesus from the dead, gave life. It gives life to me tonight. I live by the life and the power of the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. (**Rom 1:4**) and declared to be the Son of God **with power** according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. (**Php 3:10**) that I may know Him and the **power of His resurrection**, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

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Rom 8:12 *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.*

- **Paul spoke in the first chapter of his sense of obligation.** I am a debtor to share the gospel. Now again, he says, we are debtors, *not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.*

Rom 8:13 *For if (assuming that, if on the whole) you live according to the flesh you will die; but if*

(assuming that, if on the whole) **by the Spirit you put to death** (mortify, cold-blooded murder) **the deeds of the body, you will live.**

- **Death or Life? For if you live according to the flesh you will die; I am a debtor!** But I don't owe my flesh anything! I don't owe anything to the flesh to have to live after the flesh. If I do that I'm going to die.
- **We are not to grieve or quench the Holy Spirit, which we do** if we go on living after the flesh. (*Eph 4:30*) **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (1Th 5:19) Do not quench the Spirit.** The Spirit and the flesh are opposed to each other. (*Gal 5:17*) **For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.** Therefore, you realize that the Spirit of God is in you, you must realize at once that to go on living after the flesh, is to grieve the Holy Spirit of God that dwells in you!
- **But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. Positively we must actively put to death, mortify, the deeds of the body. Now, you can't do it, all by yourself!** We need help. If we by the Spirit do mortify or put to death the deeds of the body, that takes the power of the Holy Spirit. We need the help of the Holy Spirit to mortify the deeds of the flesh. To not be governed or ruled by our flesh, we need the help of the Spirit. If we, by the Spirit do mortify those deeds of the flesh, then we are going to live.
- **Liberty in Chapter Eight over Bondage in Chapters 6 & 7.** There are two popular views regarding the victory in Chapter Eight over the bondage in Chapters Six & Seven. One view is that **a further or second significant experience that must occur** with regard to sanctification. The second view is that of "passing over", realizing you can do nothing, and hand it all over to the Lord!
- **New Testament Teaching on Sanctification:** God sees to it that those, His people, are brought to that ultimate end and object by the means which He himself uses through the Spirit. We arrive, then at this general conclusion that the Apostle teaches quite clearly that **the way of sanctification is the way of realizing the truth about ourselves as Christians, and then putting it into practice. It is an argument, a deduction leading to an action of the will on our part which must be continuous!**
- Listed below are exemplary Scriptures from 16 Books so indicating this: Notice the frequent use of the word, "Therefore."
- **Rom 12:1-2** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*
- **1Co 6:13, 18-20** *Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. [18] Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. [19] Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? [20] For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*
- **1Co 9:24-26** *Run in such a way that you may obtain it. [25] And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. [26] Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.*
- **2Co 6:14** *Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?*
- **2Co 7:1** *Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*
- **Gal 5:16** *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*
- **Gal 5:24** *And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*
- **Eph 4:1-3** *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, [2] with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, [3] endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
- **Eph 4:17, 20-29** *This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, [20] But you have not so learned Christ, [21] if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: [22] that you put off, concerning your*

former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, [23] *and be renewed in the spirit of your mind*, [24] *and that you put on the new man which was created according to God*, in true righteousness and holiness. [25] **Therefore, putting away lying, "LET EACH ONE OF YOU SPEAK TRUTH WITH HIS NEIGHBOR,"** for we are members of one another. [26] **"BE ANGRY, AND DO NOT SIN": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, [27] nor give place to the devil. [28] Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor,** working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. [29] **Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification,** that it may impart grace to the hearers.

- **Php 2:12-13** *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; [13] for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*
- **Php 3:16-17, 20** *Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. [17] Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. [20] For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*
- **Col 3:1-5, 8-10** *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. [2] Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. [3] For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. [5] Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. [8] But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. [9] Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, [10] and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,*
- **1Th 4:1-5** *Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; [2] for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. [3] For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; [4] that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, [5] not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;*
- **1Ti 6:11-12, 13-14** *But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. [12] Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. [13] I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, [14] that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,*
- **2Ti 2:19-23** *Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." [20] But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. [21] Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. [22] Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. [23] But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.*
- **Tit 2:11-13** *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, [12] teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, [13] looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*
- **Heb 12:1-2** *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [2] looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
- **Jas 1:22-27** *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; [24] for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. [25] But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. [26] If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue*

but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. [27] Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

- ***Jas 4:7*** *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. [8] Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*
- ***1Pe 1:13-15*** *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; [14] as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; [15] but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,*
- ***1Pe 2:11-12*** *Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, [12] having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.*
- ***1Pe 2:21,25*** *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: [25] For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*
- ***1Pe 3:10-11*** *For "HE WHO WOULD LOVE LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, LET HIM REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL, AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. [11] LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.*
- ***1Pe 4:1-3*** *Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, [2] that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. [3] For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.*
- ***1Pe 5:8-9*** *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. [9] Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*
- ***1Jn 2:3-6*** *Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. [4] He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. [5] But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. [6] He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.*
- ***Rev 22:12-14*** *"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. [13] I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." [14] Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.*
- **Chapter eight, verse one, does not seem to have as much as a direct connection to the end of chapter seven as it does to the end of chapter five.** It is a further proof that we must regard chapters 6 & 7 as being nothing but a parenthesis in the Apostle's exposition of the Christian way of salvation. Everything in Chapter eight has been hinted at. What we have here is the outworking, the exposition, of what he has already stated or hinted at. In this eighth chapter, we shall find many moving statements, but there is no new truth, just sheer exposition of, ***There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus!***
- **The writing of chapters six and seven, however, has not been a waste of time because they enable him to say again** what he had already said, with greater force and power. He has got rid of the difficulty, so he can underline and emphasize the grand central statement concerning assurance more strongly than ever before, we are thankful to God for the digressions in chapters 6 and 7. We leave them, as they are, in their right place, but now we see exactly what they were meant to do.
- **May we spend time with the Lord in this eighth chapter of the Book of Romans, going over it.** Reading it again and again and again, until it becomes a part of us. Until the principles are understood, you see. Yes! I see it! Yes! And let God just really work these truths out in a practical way in your life that you might know that victory through the Spirit of God. That you might know the power of the life of the Spirit until you have the mind of the Spirit in control over your life!

SUMMARY:

- *Free from Indwelling Sin - vs. 1-11; Sonship Through the Spirit – vs. 12-17;*
- Our God does for us what we could not do for ourselves; Sending His Son in the likeness of flesh, to die for our sin, to impart to us the power to fulfill in us the righteousness and the righteous demands of the law.
- Lord, help us that we might walk after the Spirit. That we might be led of the Spirit. That we through the Spirit might put to death the deeds of the flesh, reckoning ourselves to be dead! Crucified with Christ, that we might live in that newness of life in Christ Jesus.
- That we may begin to experience the life of the Spirit over against the life of the flesh.
- The dynamic of the Spirit and the power of the Spirit to give to you victory in those areas where the flesh has once controlled and dominated.
- That no longer will you be a slave to the flesh and the things of the flesh.
- But that this week you might experience the peace and the joy of walking, just experiencing the real victory in Christ as the Spirit of Christ dwells in you.

LIVING HOPE – Brian Johnson Jenn Johnson, Bethel (4:30 4:34)

How great the chasm that lay between us How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from **glory To wear my sin** and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven The king of kings calls me His own
Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in your name Jesus Christ, my living hope
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Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe
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Out of the silence, the roaring lion Declared the grave has no claim on me Jesus, yours is the victory, whoa!

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in your name Jesus Christ, my living hope
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CLOSING PRAYER:

Continue reading and meditating over Romans Chapter 8!