

Series "How Great A Salvation"
"Freedom From Defeat"
Romans 8:5-17
Study-22

Paul, in our passage, is explaining this new life through the Holy Spirit. Romans 1-7 – Holy Spirit: 2X; in Romans 8 – Holy Spirit: 21X; More than any other chapter of the NT.

**"Romans 8 begins with No Condemnation and ends with No Separation."
Romans 8 is summing up Romans 1-7.**

Romans 8:1-4 – Freedom From Judgment
Romans 8:5-17 – Freedom From Defeat
Romans 8:18-30 – Freedom From Discouragement
Romans 8:31-39 – Freedom From Fear

Thought Of Our Passage: "Being In Christ Produces A New Mindset, A New Life, And Living Differently As God's Child."

- 1. Verses 5-8 – The Mind Of The Spirit**
- 2. Verses 9-15 – The Indwelling Of The Spirit**
- 3. Verses 16-17 – The Witness Of The Spirit**

1. Verses 5-8 – The Mind Of The Spirit:

Romans 8:5 – "For those who are according to the flesh" – Context: Paul left off with "No More Continuance In Sin," Romans 8:3-4.

"who do not walk" – "habitual way or bent of life, life-style;" "according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

"For those who are according to the flesh" – Romans 8:5-8 describes those that are non-believers. Paul is contrasting the believer versus the non-believer.

Non-believer Mindset Is The Flesh: "set their minds on the things of the flesh," – 13X Romans 8:1-17, "unregenerate, or the non-believer," Romans 8:9.

Galatians 5:17; Galatians 5:19-21 – Irreconcilable conflict of flesh and Spirit!

One's Mindset Expresses Their Nature; They Think like this because they are like this.

Believer's Mindset Is The Spirit: "but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit." – The spiritual mind; It is the human spirit that communes with the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:6 – Mindset has eternal consequences.

Non-believer Mindset Leads To Death: "For the mind set on the flesh is death,"

Believer's Mindset Is Life: "but the mind set on the Spirit is life" – The Holy Spirit is called "The Spirit Of Life," Romans 8:2.

"and peace," – Those who have trusted Christ enjoy "peace with God," Romans 5:1; Galatians 5:22-23.

Romans 8:7 – Non-believer Mindset Leads To War With God: "because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God;" – Isaiah 48:22

Romans 5:10

"for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so;" – Persons outside of Christianity think they are doing well but they are lost!

NLT 1 Corinthians 2:14-15

Pleasing Self Or Pleasing God: Romans 8:8 – To be "in the flesh" means to be lost, outside Christ. The root of sin is selfishness – "I will" and not "Thy will."

2. Verses 9-15 – The Indwelling Of The Spirit:

Romans 8:9 – "Spirit of God dwells in you." – This is what makes a Christian; The indwelling presence of Jesus Christ, Romans 8:16.

"But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ," – This is being a Christian, John 14:23.

"he does not belong to Him." – This Holy Spirit life, and dwelling, separates us.

Romans 8:10 – "If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin," – The body is mortal; subject to corruption.

"yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness." – The Spirit of God is alive and well. It is from God; Justification by faith, we have been made alive!

Believer's body, the very temple of the Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

Romans 8:11 – "But if ("since") the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you," – To think that we have the all-powerful God of the resurrection dwelling in us!

"He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead" – Jesus was tortured and nailed to a cross. He was willingly made weak but now resurrected through the Holy Spirit.

"will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you." – We have received the Holy Spirit of power. Holy Spirit has sealed each believer, Ephesians 1:13-14; 2 Corinthians 4:16.

Romans 8:12 – "So then," – or therefore, what is the outcome? "brethren," – speaking to believers; "we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh" – We have no obligation to the flesh, because the flesh has only brought trouble.

Romans 8:13 – "for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die;" – The consequence of a life in the flesh is death.

"but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body," – "to kill someone, hand someone over to be killed." This putting to death is reckoning the old nature dead! Romans 6:11

Also reckon our sinful practices dead to – Colossians 3:5-7; Galatians 5:24.

Jesus spoke of this – Matthew 5:29; Mark 9:43.

"you will live." – Dying to your desires and the temptations of this world; He can enable us to "put to death" the sinful deeds of the body, Romans 6:12-17.

Romans 8:14

Proof Of Sonship Is Being Led By God: "For all who are being led by the Spirit of God," – The word "led" – The verb here means "willingly led, to be governed, to drive, to carry, being under His control" by the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:18 – Holiness, Godliness, Galatians 5:22-25.

"these are sons of God." – This is a distinguishing mark of the Christian.

Romans 8:15 – "For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again," – 1 Corinthians 2:12; 2 Timothy 1:7.

“but you have received a spirit of adoption” – The word “adoption” in the New Testament means “being placed as an adult son.”

“as sons” – The moment of conversion, there is a tie to the heavenly Father.

Believer’s Awareness Of The Fatherhood Of God: “by which we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’” – “Daddy, Daddy, Pa, Pa,” Galatians 4:6.

3. Verses 16-17 – The Witness Of The Spirit:

Romans 8:16 – “Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit” – “joint testimony, corroborates;” Believer’s Witness Of Being God’s Children.

Believer’s Witness Of Being In God’s Family: “that we are children of God,” – 1 John 3:14.

Romans 8:17 – “and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,” – when we were birthed into God’s family, we became heirs with God.

“if indeed we suffer with Him” – Greek present tense, “suffering with Christ is continuous.”

The Promise Of The Coming Glory: “so that we may also be glorified with Him.” – The aorist tense “being glorified is instantaneous.” After the cross comes the crown.

Application:

1. One’s Mindset Expresses Their Nature. The Non-believer’s Mindset Is Of The Flesh, The Believer’s Mindset Is Of The Spirit. The Mindset Has Eternal Consequences.
2. The Indwelling Of The Spirit Means Being Led By God. It Is The Believer’s Awareness Of The Fatherhood Of God.
3. The Witness Of The Spirit; The Believer’s Witness Of Being God’s Children; The Believer’s Witness Of Being In God’s Family.