



Laying a solid
foundation

ROMANS

THE NEW MAN

REVIEW

Chapters 1 to 3 in Romans poignantly declare the sin and condemnation of all mankind. Chapters 4 to 5 definitively pronounce that all kinds of people are totally forgiven for all their sin not on the basis of anything they do but upon Christ's work alone. Paul then uses two chapters of arguments to avoid abuses and misunderstandings before going on in Romans 8 and positively stating a Christian's relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Romans 1-3 Existence without God is death

- No excuse
- Not good enough
- All condemned

Romans 4-5 Life with God is by faith in Christ Jesus

- While a sinner
- Through faith
- In Christ

Romans 6-7 Clearing up misunderstandings of faith

- Baptized into Christ
- Servant of only one master
- Sin from me not from the Law
- Death from my sin not from the law

Intro

Romans 8 Defining the faith and life of a Christian

- **Freed by Spirit (8:1-11)**
Freed from the arena of selfishness and death into the love, power and life of the Spirit.
- **Living by Spirit (8:12-17)**
Having escaped the clutches of the flesh, we are now led by the Spirit of God as the children of God.

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Christ satisfied the law's claim on our lives and so the law, the principle or rule of the Spirit of life takes over control of our lives. We run by a different operating system (law).

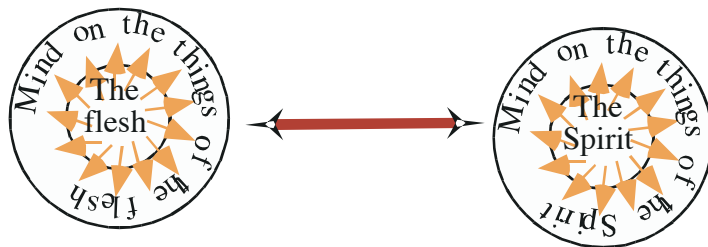
• Freed by Spirit (8:1-11)

A.) Declared free! (1)

No condemnation!
 Compare 5:1 & 8:1

Freed from the arena of selfishness and death into the love, power and life of the Spirit.

“... so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord’ (Romans 5:21)



B.) Set free! (2-8)

Free from law of sin and of death!

How are we set free?

3 “... God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, (Romans 8:3, NASB).

Why are we set free?

4 “... in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. (Romans 8:4, NASB)

What are we set free from?

- ⊙ The mind set on the flesh is death.
- ⊙ The mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God.
- ⊙ It does not subject itself to the law of God.
- ⊙ It is not even able to subject itself to the law of God.
- ⊙ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

C.) Free for the Spirit! (9-11)

Spirit resides in me



I belong to the Spirit

The Spirit lives through me



- Do all Christians have the Spirit?
- What if I don't feel like I have the Spirit?
- What is the life like controlled by the Spirit of Jesus?

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Having escaped the clutches of the flesh, we are now led by the Spirit of God as the children of God.

• Living by Spirit (8:12-17)

A.) Not under obligation (12)

I don't have to!

“...12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- (Romans 8:12,

Key = _____
Key = who do you serve (cf 6:16)

B.) Putting to death (13)

Out you go!

“... but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body...” (Romans 8:13)

Key = _____
Key =Active non-participation

C.) Being led by the Spirit! (14)

Here I come!

“...14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God . (Romans 8:14, NASB).

Key = _____
Key = taking conscious orders from Spirit

D.) Spirit of adoption (15-17)

I belong!

“...15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15, NASB).

Children > heirs > fellow-heirs with Christ

Key = _____
Key = serve as a child

Spirit of slavery > Fear

THE TWO KINDS OF ME

1. What does Paul say regarding those who are in Christ Jesus (i.e., Christians) (1)? _____
2. Define "condemnation" (1). Use a dictionary if necessary. _____
3. Some translations use "you" in 8:2; others use "me." This does not matter since he is referring to Christians. What has set you free from the law of sin and death (2)?

4. What things could the Law not do (8:3; see 7:7-12)? _____
5. Who does the "His own Son" refer to (3)? □ _____
6. What did "His own Son" do (3)? _____
7. For what reason did the 'Son' accomplish these things (4)? _____
8. For whom does the "Son" accomplish these things (4)? _____
9. What two kinds of people are referred to in verse 5?
#1 _____
#2 _____
10. What is the difference between the minds of these two kinds of people (6)? _____
11. List the four statements that are made regarding the 'mind set on the flesh' in verses 7 & 8?
1) _____
2) _____
12. What is the overriding characteristic of those who are controlled by the Spirit (9)? _____
13. Can anyone be a genuine Christian and not have the Holy Spirit (9)? _____
14. When he refers to the Christian's body as being "dead" (10), do you think he is talking about Christians who are physically dead or Christians who are living but as far as they are concerned, they are no longer living under the control of their bodies (i.e., flesh)? Explain. _____
15. From verse 9 we learned the Spirit of God dwells in every single Christian. How will that Spirit affect our present lives and bodies (11)? _____
16. **List at least** two changes you desire to take place in your life because of these verses: _____

Challenge Questions

- Non-Christians and even some Christians are often surprised that God expects mankind to be perfect. Does it appear from Romans 8:4 that mankind is expected to fulfill the Law?

- What are your experiences with your old nature? Do you still think the flesh can do any good or at any time be relied upon? How should we deal with our feelings and emotions when they go contrary to the will of God?