

LIFE MADE NEW

*A Self Study on Excerpts from
the Book of Romans*

LESSON 6

"Power for Living"

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Discussion Questions

1. Describe the difference in the mindset and lifestyle between those who are led by the Spirit and those who give in to sin.

2. What does the word “Father” tell us about our relationship with God?

3. List at least three specific ways we can “put to death the misdeeds of the body” through the Spirit’s power.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Digging Deeper

Using the following verses, briefly explain how suffering for Christ is a sign of the presence of His Spirit in our lives: 1 Peter 4:12-16 and 2 Corinthians 1:3-11.

“Therefore.” Once more, Paul uses the word “therefore” to refer back to his previous arguments. Look again at Romans 5:18-19 and 6:22. Then read once more Romans 8:1.

Christ Sets Us Free From the Law

A primary lesson one learns from reading Romans is man’s complete inability to live up to God’s law. The good news from chapter 8 is that through the Holy Spirit living in us, Jesus fulfills “the righteous requirements of the law” (verse 3).

Phillip Yancy explains well how our sin problem is dealt with through Christ:

“There is only one way for any of us to resolve the tension between the high ideals of the Gospel and the grim reality of ourselves: To accept that we will never measure up, but that we do not have to. We are judged by the righteousness of the Christ who lives within, not our own.”

The Assurance of the Believer

Have you ever worried about whether or not you are truly a Christian? I tend to be a doubter and so I have struggled with this concern over the years. I do believe in Christ. He has changed my life. My baptism stands as a signpost of passing from darkness to light. However, in some of my quiet moments I have had my doubts. The best thing you and I can do to battle these attacks from the enemy is to claim the truth of God’s Word and stand firmly on His promises. Romans 8 helps me more than any other passage in giving me this assurance that, because of what Jesus has done in and for me, I can be confident in my salvation.

The following quote may also help you be assured of the confidence you can have in Christ:

“When the Holy Spirit is working within you, you will: believe that Jesus Christ is God’s Son and that eternal life comes through Him, begin to act as Christ directs, find help in your daily problems and in your praying be empowered to serve God and do His Will.”

- Life Application Bible, p. 2041

The Cost of Discipleship

You will notice in Romans 8:1-17 that life in the Spirit involves peace, joy, and assurance that we are God's dearly loved children. But the Spirit-filled life also involves suffering (verse 17). Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). When we take up His cross, we will experience personal suffering. But an award awaits us - some day we will share in His glory!

Wise Reflections

"More than a holy commandment is required to rid man of sin. This simply means that no legal system can save sinners. Man must be saved, not only from the guilt of sin, but from the power of sin. The sinner needs more than a new set of rules. He needs the blood of Christ to atone for sin, and divine help to overcome the 'law of sin' in himself."

- K.C. Moser

Prayer

O, Lord, please free us from any legal system that is hindering us from being joined to Your Son. Though we know that in Christ we are free from the law of Moses, we tend to slip into our own brands of legalism. We look more to rituals than the righteousness of Christ. We tend to focus on our performance rather than on the perfection of the Son of God. Please forgive us and free us from our tendency to live under our man-made laws. We ask that you liberate us through your Holy Spirit. May we be assured deeply in our hearts that we are your children through faith in Jesus Christ. We pray in the mighty and loving name of Jesus. Amen.

"A pressing need of our time...is the longing to experience the divine presence."

- Darryl Tippens

Reflection Questions

1. Paul says that when we are in Christ we no longer stand condemned because through _____ we have been set _____ (Romans 8:1).
2. Romans 8:4 says that believers in Christ no longer live according to the _____ but according to the _____.
3. In Romans 8:6, Scripture says that when our minds are controlled by the Holy Spirit we can enjoy _____ and _____.
4. How many times is the word "Spirit" mentioned in Romans 8:1-17? _____
5. Paul confidently affirms that the Spirit living in the Christian is the same Spirit that raised _____ from the _____ (Romans 8:11).
6. God's Word states that Christians have an obligation: to put to death the _____ of the _____ and to be _____ by the _____ (Romans 8:13b-14).
7. Paul says that there is a qualification for being heirs of God. It involves sharing in the _____ of _____ (Romans 8:17).