

Lesson 6. Romans 8

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Romans 7 ends with the cry for help from the defeated believer trying to keep the law in their own strength.

“I”, “me”, “my” is used without any mention of the Holy Spirit in 7:14-25.

God’s help for the Christian is the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As the death of Christ and His resurrection
delivers from the penalty of sin
so the ministry of the Holy Spirit
delivers from the power of sin

People of the New Covenant are people of the Spirit!

- The Holy Spirit is convicting. John 16:7-11
- The Holy Spirit Regenerates/New Birth. John 3/Titus 3
- The Holy Spirit Indwelling believers John 7:37-39; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19-20.
- The Holy Spirit baptizes believers into Christ. 1 Cor.12:13; Galatians 3:26
- The Holy Spirit seals us into Christ. Ephesians 4:30; 1:13; 2 Cor. 1:21-22
- The Holy Spirit fills believers for power and fruit: Acts 2:4; Ephesians 5:18-21; Galatians 5:16-23
- The Holy Spirit can be Grieved. Ephesians 4:30
- The Holy Spirit can be Quenched. 1 Thess. 5:19
- Holy Spirit gives gifts to all who are saved: 1 Peter 4:10-11

To be a truly born again believer is to be surrounded by the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8 outline

1. The Holy Spirit and sin. 1-13
2. The Holy Spirit and Sonship. 14-17
3. The Holy Spirit and Suffering. 18-27
4. The Father's Purpose for His children. 28-30
5. The Father and the Son's Protection for believers 31-39

The Holy Spirit and Sin

1-13

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Despite the inward struggle with sin (7:14-25) there is no penalty for the believer in Christ. Christ has paid for our sins and for the sin principle or nature we still deal with as believers.

The righteous requirements demanded by the law are fulfilled in us by Christ payment for our offenses and by a new power to live as God wants: “the law of the Spirit has set us free from the law of sin and death. We do not live according to The flesh but according to the Spirit” (8:4).

BY THE power and help of the Holy Spirit we are able to live the kind of life God intended for us. We are becoming what God intended when He saved us.

Sin within does not cease to exist but a law or principle which is the Holy Spirit is greater than sin. The law was weak because of the flesh. It could not make the flesh obey. But the Holy Spirit is like jet power overcoming the law of gravity. Gravity does not cease to exist but has no authority over us under the power of jet propulsion.

5-11. Two spheres of life: Flesh vs. Spirit

Flesh is the natural man under the control of sin.

Spirit man is the born again person living in the Spirit.

Mind set: what fills our minds will determine our steps

12-13. Mortify/Put to Death the Deeds of the Flesh

Colossians 3:5/Matthew 5:27-30; Ephesians 4:20-32
We have been commanded in 6:11-13 to “reckon” or
“count on” our death to sin with Christ and our “new
Life facing the Father”. With this perspective and
Thinking be “presenting” the members of your body
To God and not to sin.

Scripture teaches to “watch and pray so that we do
Not enter temptation.” It teaches to flee sexual
Temptation (1 Cor.6:18- 20).
God’s Word, dependence on the Spirit, and prayer
Are weapons of defense against sin.

14-17 The Holy Spirit delivers from fear and treats us as sons.
Adoption is to be placed before others as adult sons
With the privileges of the family. No longer are we
Treated as minors but as adult sons (Galatians 4:1-7)
Adoption in Roman times pertained to adult adoption
And not to young children.

The Holy Spirit and Suffering

18-27

18-27 Creation, Christians and the Holy Spirit are groaning in
Midst of the curse and suffering of a sinful world.
Suffering compared to glory: 2 Cor. 4:16-18

Creation is waiting for the day the curse will be revealed.
Christians groan for the day our adoption sonship is mani-
Fested to all creation: 23-25

The Holy Spirit groans in intercession to see believers
Get divine help. Though the groanings may be wordless
The Father knows the mind of the Spirit: 26-27

The Father's Purpose and Plan for
His Children
28-30

Nothing is out of the sovereign control of our God and Father.

Loving God is the key to all the mysteries of life: HE WILL WORK THEM TOGETHER FOR YOUR GOOD.

Five links in the chain that binds our heart to God:

1. Foreknown
2. Predestined
3. Called
4. Justified
5. Glorified

The Father and the Son's Protection
Of the Believer
31-39

What shall we say to these things?

Four unanswerable questions:

1. If God is for us, who is against us?
2. He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all---how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things.
 - Jesus was the Isaac the Father plunged the knife in
 - Jesus emptied Himself to save us
 - No emotion or pain from sin and separation from the Father was spared: Psalm 22/Isaiah 53
3. Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? God justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one.
 - The death of Jesus Christ purchased us and satisfied God's just demands of us—all charges have been charged to Christ.
 - Christ's death, burial, resurrection, and intercession is our defense before any accuser.

4. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

- God's people are being kept by His power (1 Pet.1:5; Jude 24)
- God's people are seen as sheep in the hand of the Father and in the hand of Jesus Christ: John 10:28

Augustus Toplady wrote the English hymn called “Full Assurance”:

The work which His goodness began
The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is Yea and Amen
And never was forfeited yet;
Things future, nor things that are now,
Nor all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forgo,
Or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace;
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given;
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven!

He also wrote in “Faith Reviving” these words,
“If thou hast my discharge procured,
And freely in my room endured
The whole of wrath divine,
Payment God cannot twice demand,
First at my bleeding Surety’s hand,
And then again at mine.

Romans 8 begins with “NO CONDEMNATION” and end with “NO SEPARATION” and everything between is “NEVER ALONE”.