

Life in the Spirit - Part I

Romans 8:1-17

Introduction

I The Impact Of Life In Christ Jesus

- A. There is now no **condemnation** - Jn 3:18; 5:24
 - 1. For those who are **in** Christ Jesus - Eph 1:13-14
- B. Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set us free
 - 1. From the law of **sin** - 2 Cor 3:17; Rom 6:18, 22
 - 2. From the law of **death** - 1 Cor 15:55-57

II The Means Of Our Freedom

- A. The law was **powerless** to free us because: - Heb 7:18-19
 - 1. It was weakened by the sinful flesh - James 2:10
- B. God accomplished what the law couldn't do
 - 1. He **sent** His own Son
 - a. In the likeness of sinful man - Heb 2:14-15
 - b. To be a sin offering - 2 Cor 5:21
 - 2. He **condemned** sin in sinful man - Rom 6:6
 - 3. He fully met the law's **requirements** in us
 - a. Who live not according to the sinful nature - 1 Jn 4:4
 - b. Who live according to the Spirit - Gal 5:22-23

III The Contrast Between The Flesh And The Spirit

- A. Those who live according to the sinful nature:
 - 1. Have their **minds** set on what the flesh desires - Phil 3:19
 - 2. Live lives marked by death - Gal 6:8
 - 3. Are **hostile** to God - Rom 5:10
 - 4. Cannot submit to God's law - 1 Cor 2:14
 - 5. Cannot **please** God - 2 Cor 5:9; Eph 5:10
- B. Those who live according to the Spirit
 - 1. Have their minds set on what the **Spirit** desires - Col 3:1-3
 - 2. Are **controlled** by the Spirit leading to peace - Rom 5:1

IV The Glorious Freedom Of The Believer

- A. The spiritual **condition** of the believer

- 1. Not controlled by the sinful nature - Gal 5:24
- 2. But controlled by the Spirit - Gal 5:16; 1 Cor 6:19-20
- B. The spiritual **effect** on a believer
 - 1. Your body is dead because of sin - Rom 7:25
 - 2. Your spirit is alive because of righteousness
 - 3. God will give life to your mortal bodies thru His **Spirit**

V Our Obligation And Privilege

- A. We are not obligated to live according to the sinful nature
 - 1. If we live according to that nature we will **die** - Rom 6:23
- B. We are obligated to live according to the Spirit
 - 1. We can put to **death** the misdeeds of the body - Rom 6:11
 - a. Resulting in life
 - b. Proving that we are sons of God
 - 2. We do not have a spirit not of fear, but **sonship** - Eph 1:5
 - a. We can call God, "Abba, Father" - Mk 14:36
 - 3. We have the Spirit's testimony that:
 - a. We are **heirs** of God - 1 Pet 1:3-5
 - b. We are co-heirs with Christ - Eph 1:3
 - c. We will share in His **glory** - 2 Cor 3:18; 1 Pet 1:6-7

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. What impact does Paul's declaration that "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ" have on you? Do you live like you believe this? Why or why not?
2. Read Romans 8:5-11. What characteristics mark the mindset of each lifestyle? Which best describes your mindset?
3. Paul concluded that he was powerless to fulfill the requirements of the law in his own strength. What remedy does he offer in helping us deal with our sinful nature? [Rom 8:13-14; 6:13,19]
4. Write down what you think it means to be *led* by the Spirit in verse 14? Is your life marked by these characteristics?
5. Describe the intimacy level in your current relationship with God. Can you speak to Him as *Abba, Father*? If not, what may be preventing it? Ask Him to draw you close once again.

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