

Life in the Spirit - Part I

Romans 8:1-17

Introduction

I The Impact Of Life In Christ Jesus

- A. There is now no _____ - Jn 3:18; 5:24
 - 1. For those who are _____ 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 _____ - 2 Cor 3:17; Rom 6:18, 22
 - 2. From the law of _____ - 1 Cor 15:55-57

II The Means Of Our Freedom

- A. The law was _____ 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 _____ 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 _____ sin in sinful man - Rom 6:6
 - 3. He fully met the law's _____ 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 _____ set on what the flesh desires - Phil 3:19
 - 2. Live lives marked by death - Gal 6:8
 - 3. Are _____ to God - Rom 5:10
 - 4. Cannot submit to God's law - 1 Cor 2:14
 - 5. Cannot _____ God - 2 Cor 5:9; Eph 5:10
- B. Those who live according to the Spirit
 - 1. Have their minds set on what the _____ desires - Col 3:1-3
 - 2. Are _____ by the Spirit leading to peace - Rom 5:1

IV The Glorious Freedom Of The Believer

- A. The spiritual _____ 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 _____ 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 _____

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 _____ - Rom 6:23
- B. We are obligated to live according to the Spirit
 - 1. We can put to _____ 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 _____ - Eph 1:5
 - a. We can call God, "Abba, Father" - Mk 14:36
 - 3. We have the Spirit's testimony that:
 - a. We are _____ of God - 1 Pet 1:3-5
 - b. We are co-heirs with Christ - Eph 1:3
 - c. We will share in His _____ - 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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