

Soul-Full: Living Out a Robust Faith

A Study in Romans

Week 6 – Romans 8 – Free Indeed

I. No Condemnation! (v. 1)

We are justified, but we have also had our penalty removed. We are in right standing with God and our debt has been paid in full.

II. Set Free – (v. 2-10)

We are no longer enslaved to sin. Through the power of the Spirit Who now indwells believers, we have the power to conquer sin.

“Whatever is holy is healthy; evil is a moral sickness that must end ultimately in death...To preserve His creation God must destroy whatever would destroy it. When He arises to put down iniquity and save the world from irreparable moral collapse, He is said to be angry. Every wrathful judgment in the history of the world has been a holy act of preservation” (Tozer, A.W. (2012-08-12). *The Knowledge of the Holy* (p. 106). Fig. Kindle Edition).

III. Life in the Spirit – (v. 11-17)

We die to the flesh that we might come alive in the Spirit.

Anything continually played out in the mind will eventually be acted out. We must live by the Spirit, “putting to death the deeds of the body” (v.13).

If I believe, I will do. Being who God calls me to be will result in me doing what He has called me to do. Being: Saved, filled with His Spirit, His Word, His Will – believing is the beginning of being!

Unbelief darkens the mind and leads to a downward spiral of deceit and sin. (Romans 1)

For the believer – discouragement, fear, unforgiveness, depression, shame and guilt cause me to hide who I am and remain trapped in trying to make life work to remove the pain of desires that remain unmet. When I bring those desires to Christ and desire Him above all of these others, He takes care of the other desires. He is the only legitimate answer to the longing of my heart. I must break away from my addiction to self and be addicted to Him and His will. Only the power of the Spirit can enable me to desire Him above all others and above all things.

Living for More The Spirit-filled Life



“Sanctification is progressive conformity to the mind or image of Christ here and now (cf. 2 Cor. 3:18; Col. 3:10); glory is perfect conformity to the image of Christ there and then. Sanctification is glory begun; glory is sanctification consummated” (F. F. Bruce, *Romans*, p. 178).

IV. Adopted into God’s Family – (v. 14-27)

“The idea of a legal adoption into a family is more a Roman than a Jewish or Greek concept. The Romans seem to have associated adoption with full civil status...One evidence of sonship in the divine family is cooperation on the part of the believer with the guiding and leading ministry of the Spirit of God” (John Phillips, *Exploring Romans*, p. 127-128).

V. **Eternal Security – (v. 28-39)**

A. God's Omnipotence – (v. 28-30)

God's foreknowledge cannot be separated from predestination.

B. Victorious Life – (v. 31-37)

C. No Separation – (v. 38-39)

Jonathan Edwards' first sermon – *Christian Happiness*

(<http://www.justinbuzzard.net/2010/01/04/christian-happiness/>)

1. Our bad things will turn out good (28)
2. Our good things cannot be taken away from us (37-39)
3. The best things are yet to come (18, 30)

Filling Up With Faith

God's Omnipotence

"Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Sovereignty and omnipotence must go together. One cannot exist without the other. To reign, God must have power, and to reign sovereignly, He must have all power...Omnipotence is not a name given to the sum of all power, but an attribute of a personal God we Christians believe to be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and of all who believe on Him to life eternal. The worshipping man finds this knowledge a source of wonderful strength for his inner life. His faith rises to take the great leap upward into the fellowship of Him who can do whatever He wills to do, for whom nothing is hard or difficult because He possesses power absolute" (Tozer, A.W. (2012-08-12). *The Knowledge of the Holy* (p. 65 & 67). Fig. Kindle Edition).