Sermon Notes
"Life in the Spirit" (Rom 8:1-4)
Feb 19, 2023

- **'Therefore…' (8:1-2)**

Rom 1-2	**The Last Judgement**
Rom 3	**Covered under Christ's blood by faith**
Rom 4	**Abrahams true family united by Christ**
Rom 5	**Now living as true humanity**
Rom 6	**Freed slaves now identified with Christ**
Rom 7	**New person learning a new way of living**
Rom 8	**God has done what the law could not**

- **'Those in Christ'**

Power of the Law (8:3a): Points out sin (7:7)

Stimulates sin (7:5, 8-10)

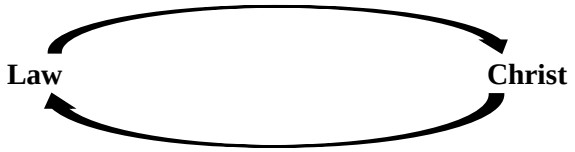
Condemns sin (7:10-11)

Power of the Holy Spirit (8:3b)

Freedom from: The Law…

…and it's curse

- **Become who you are! (8:4)**



Call: Godliness **Context: Grace**

Discussion Questions

These questions are only a guide. Feel free to share how God has spoken to you, what areas you question &/or do not understand. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.

Romans 8 is established on the seven chapters before. What questions arise out of the summary Paul gives us in chapters 1-7? Are you a part of God's family, covered by Jesus' blood, now living true humanity?

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Paul highlights how the Law points out, stimulates and condemns sin. How can God's good law bring such wrong and pain? What is evil taking advantage of resulting in humanity being condemned to death?

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Paul says God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, has intervened. How has He? In what way did God not just remove the Law but rather fulfill it? Consider Jesus' complex nature and the specific work of the Spirit.

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The victory of sin and death is complete and final. That victory is available to us today through the Spirit. How do we come to experience that? How do we discern the Spirit's leading and voice?

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True followers are 'in Christ' and can live 'in the Spirit'. What does this mean? How do we come to be 'in Christ' and in what practical ways are we to walk with the Spirit each day, in everyday life?

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In light of what Paul teaches, it's quite clear we are going to mess this up. It seems we relate way more with chapter 7 than we do with eight. How do we tend to react when we fail? What is God telling us to do? What way has He made for us to start again and live 'who we are'?

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