



Teaching Notes: Ray Davis
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REMEDY
(Lasting Life Change Inside Out)

“SATISFACTION” (Romans 8:1-14)

How does this relationship with Jesus Christ lead to life change?

Romans 6 Principles of Life Change.

Romans 7 Why Life Change is so hard?

Romans 8 How to apply the principles of life change?

FOUR THINGS THE GOSPEL GIVES ME:

Verses 1-4

The Gospel Gives Me a New POSITION for Life Change.

- ◆ Set me free from the Penalty of Sin. (Imputed Righteousness) (Vv1, 3; Rom. 5:1)

“Condemnation” = Gr. to have a judgment against you, guilty.
“No” = Gr. No more, never again.

- ◆ Set me free from the Power of Sin. (Imparted Righteousness) (Vv2, 4; Phil.2:12-13; 2 Cor. 9:8)

The Gospel Gives Me A New PERSPECTIVE for Life Change.

- ◆ I am sinful (Humble) and loved (Confidence) at the same time. (Rom. 5:8, 7:24-25)
- ◆ This new perspective of humble confidence gives me...
 - ✓ Psychological Freedom: Authenticity. (James 5:16)
 - ✓ Sociological Freedom: Acceptance. (Rom. 15:7)

Verses 4-8

The Gospel Gives Me A New PROCESS for Life Change.

- ◆ I am either living my life according to the Spirit or the sinful nature. (Pro. 4:23; Col. 3:1-2)
- ◆ The one I am living according to will be the one that has captured my heart.

“Mind” = heart, or the core of the being. Paul is not just talking about bad thoughts, but what preoccupies you.

“Sinful Nature” (7xs) = being controlled by a self-salvation project. It is trying to be your own Savior and Lord. Whatever it is, it’s your way of justifying yourself. It’s your way of proving yourself or developing your own sense of value and worth.

- ◆ If my Identity comes from anything other than Christ it will lead to death.
- ◆ If my Identity comes from Christ it will produce life & peace.

Where do you get the power to really make this change?

Verses 9-14

The Gospel Gives Me A New POWER for Life Change.

“Spirit” = Holy Spirit (11xs in 14 verses)

- ◆ To mind the things of the Spirit is to have my heart fully satisfied in The Lord Jesus Christ. (Ps. 23:1, 63:1-5; Phil. 4:4)
- ◆ It is the Holy Spirit’s job to captivate (fascinate, intoxicate) me with the beauty of Jesus Christ. That as I mind the things of the Spirit more and more what Jesus says about me will become more and more real than whatever may happen to me, or people may say about me. (John 16:12-15; Eph. 5:18)

How Does This Happen? Jesus Christ was condemned in my place! (V3)

Next Weekend:
February 3rd

“**Suffering**”
“**Security**”

Romans 8:14-27
Romans 8:28-39



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- 1) In Romans 7 Paul has told us that in every one of us there is a sinfulness far worse than any of us want to admit. What does Paul then say simultaneously in Romans 8:1? How astounding and unique is this truth?

- 2) The Gospel gives me a new position for life change. What does that mean? What is the difference between imputed righteousness and imparted righteousness? Are the righteous requirements of the law met “in” us or “by” us according to 8:4? What’s the difference?

- 3) What is the new perspective the Gospel gives me for life change? Why is humble confidence an important balance to living the Christian life? What two freedoms does humble confidence give me? Explain.

- 4) How would you describe this new process for life change? What does it mean to mind the things of the sinful nature versus minding the things of the Spirit? What are the results of each one?

- 5) Where does this new power for life change come from? What does it mean that it is the Holy Spirit’s job to captivate me with the beauty of Jesus Christ? How would you rate your appetite for God? Make Ps. 63:1-5 your prayer.