

More than Conquerors!

(The Greatest Chapter: ROMANS EIGHT)

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“Transformed Mindset” Romans 8:1-9

Life is a Battle that we can't lose if we are in Christ Jesus b/c...

We are set free from the penalty of sin (v1) through Christ's work (v3)

We are set free from the power of sin (v2) through the Spirit's work (v4)

How Does the Holy Spirit Transform Our Lives? (Eph5:18)

Step One: That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us. (v4a; Rom13:8 Love fulfills the law)

Step Two: Who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (V4b; Gal5:16)

“Walk” = character or manner of life. See also V5 “for those who live”

“Flesh” = Your whole life is being controlled by an effort to be your own Savior and Lord. It is a self-salvation project. Two ways: Religion (Moral conformity) vs. Irreligion (Self-discovery)

“Spirit” = your whole life is being controlled by trusting Jesus to be your Savior and Lord.

Step Three: Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. (V5b)

“Set their minds” (mindset) = It is more than to think about something, it is to focus intently, be preoccupied with, and to have our heart's deepest loyalties and affections totally captured by something or someone.

“Things of the Spirit” = The beauty and glory of who Jesus is and what He has done for you. (John 14-16)

- Anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God is an idol.
- Where your thoughts effortlessly go when nothing else is demanding your attention will reveal the true God of your heart. (Pro4:23; Matt6:21; Luke6:43-45)

Step Four: To set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. (V6b; Col3:1-3) Vv7-8 The flesh is hostile to God, can't submit to God's law or please God. V9 If you have the Spirit of God you won't live in the flesh but in the Spirit.

V13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

- The power of sin's promises (flesh) are broken by the power of God's promises (Spirit). It's the expulsive power of a new affection.
- We must know, believe and rejoice in the promises of God through the power of the Holy Spirit until our heart rests and relaxes its grip on any particular way we are trying to save ourselves.
- Jesus must become more attractive to your heart and more beautiful to your imagination than your idols.

Great & Glorious Promises (facts/truths) of God:

v1 He set me free from the penalty of sin (No condemnation).

v2 He set me free from the power of sin.

v3 Jesus died in my place to rescue me from my sin.

v4 The Holy Spirit indwells me and empowers me.

v6 The Holy Spirit gives me life and peace.

vv7-9 The Holy Spirit sets me from the bondage of flesh (self-absorbed life). (Over 30 promises in Romans 8. See if you can find more.)

Growing Notes

- 1)** What important role do habits of the mind (mindset) play in living life to its fullest in Christ Jesus (Pro23:7NAS)? The Holy Spirit is mentioned in the Book of Romans 30xs and in Romans 8 20xs and 15xs in 1st 15 verses of Romans 8. What important role does the Holy Spirit play in our transformation (Eph5:18)?
- 2)** Read Romans 8:1-9. What stands out to you from this text? Review the four steps in how the Holy Spirit transforms our lives. In Step One what righteous requirement of the law will the Holy Spirit fulfill in us (v4; Rom13:8)?
- 3)** In Step Two what does it mean to walk according to the Spirit (V4b; Gal5:16)? In Step Three what does it mean to set your mind on the things of the Spirit (V5b; Pro4:23; Matt6:21; Luke6:43-45)?
- 4)** In Step Four how important is it that we know, believe and rejoice in the promises of God until our heart rests and relaxes its grip on any particular way we are trying to save ourselves? What are some things you can do to make Christ more attractive and beautiful to your heart and imagination? What was most convicting to you from this study? What was most comforting to you? What is God speaking to you? Pray.