

# God's Good News About Righteousness

## An Inductive Study of the Book of Romans

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### Study 15. The Empowerment for Sanctification by Means of the Holy Spirit **Romans 8:1-17**

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    - a. **We are sanctified (set apart) through the elimination of condemnation for those in Christ 8:1-11**
      - 1) Judgment has been eliminated because through Jesus, God has condemned sin in the believer's body. 8:1-3.
        - a) What is totally eliminated for those people who are in Christ Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ 8:1.
        - b) This is a bold and liberating truth, is it not?
        - c) There is an important Law or principle at work in the life of a believer in Jesus. It is the Law of the \_\_\_\_\_. 8:2
        - d) This Law of the Spirit operates under a completely different principle than the Law of Moses. The Law of the Spirit operates under the principle of \_\_\_\_\_, not death. And this life is found in whom? \_\_\_\_\_

- e) So this Law of the Spirit – which produces something powerful and good – life in Christ Jesus – has done something amazing. It has totally set us free from what Law? – the Law of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (This Law would be the Law of Moses, which can only reveal sin and bring death.)
  - f) The Law of Moses was never designed to enable us to meet God’s standards of holiness. This is true because it is \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_ (8:3.) Our human flesh – our body and soul – has been corrupted by the virus of sin. Because we all, even Christians, have the virus of sin, we are unable in our own strength to keep God’s standards and do the right thing.
  - g) In spite of the fact that the Law of Moses was weak in regard to human flesh, God accomplished something amazing. Whom did He send in the likeness of sinful flesh? \_\_\_\_\_? (Jesus is like us in that He has human flesh. But He is unlike us in that He has no sin!)
  - h) God sent Jesus as an offering for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i) In so doing, God condemned sin in the \_\_\_\_\_. (This is a reference to the human body.)
  - j) In summary of this first section, the Law of Moses was powerless to condemn sin in the flesh (body), but through Jesus’ sacrificial death for sin, He was able to succeed in condemning sin in the flesh.
- 2) Condemnation has been eliminated because believers are able to fulfill the requirements of the Law by walking (living their lives) according to the Holy Spirit 8:4-10
- a) If we live our Christian lives by letting the Holy Spirit control us, what requirements will be fulfilled in our lives? The requirements of the \_\_\_\_\_. 8:4.
  - b) If we try to live our Christian lives in the strength of our own bodies, what will we *not* be able to do?

- c) In Romans 8:5-10, Paul makes a lengthy comparison between the flesh (our sin-tainted bodies and minds) and the Holy Spirit.
- i Those who operate in their lives according to the flesh focus their minds on what? 8:5. The things of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii Those who operate in their lives in the power of the Holy Spirit focus their minds on what? 8:5. The things of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii The mind focused on the flesh leads to what? 8:6. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iv The mind focused on the Spirit leads to what? 8:6. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - v The mind that is focused on what one's own flesh wants has what attitude toward God? 8:7. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - vi Can the mind focused on what one's own flesh wants keep God's laws? 8:7. \_\_\_\_\_
  - vii It is impossible, for those who operate according to what their flesh wants, to \_\_\_\_\_ God. 8:8.
  - viii If God's Holy Spirit dwells within a person, that person is not in the \_\_\_\_\_, but is in the \_\_\_\_\_. 8:9.
  - ix Is it possible for a person to be a Christian and not have the Holy Spirit? 8:9. \_\_\_\_\_
  - x What two things are true of a person in whom Christ resides? 8:10.
    - (a) His body is \_\_\_\_\_ because of \_\_\_\_\_. (This means his body is in the process of dying and will finally die.)
    - (b) But his spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ because of \_\_\_\_\_.

xi      What will happen to the body of someone in whom  
God's Holy Spirit resides? 8:11. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**b.      We are sanctified (set apart) through a new obligation. 8:12-17.**

- 1)      What are we *not* obligated to do? 8:12.
- 2)      What will happen if we live according to what our flesh wants to do? 8:13. We will \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3)      What will happen if we use the Holy Spirit's power to kill the deeds of our body? 8:13. We will \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4)      If we are being led by God's Spirit, it proves we are \_\_\_\_\_ of God. 8:14.
- 5)      We who are Christians have not been given a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to \_\_\_\_\_. 8:15.
- 6)      Instead, we have been given a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_. This helps us view God not as an intimidating judge about as a loving \_\_\_\_\_. 8:15.
- 7)      God's Holy Spirit agrees with our human spirit that we are God's \_\_\_\_\_. 8:16.
- 8)      If we are God's children, what else are we? We are His \_\_\_\_\_! 8:17.
  - a)      We are heirs of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b)      We are joint-heirs with \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9)      Meanwhile, in this life we \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.
- 10)     But in the end, we will be \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus!

c.      In summary, if we try really hard in our own strength to obey God, we will fail. But if deliberately submit ourselves to God's Spirit and use His power, we will succeed in living for Him!

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