

## Holy/Sanctified Living

We are: **No longer Dead, but Alive** (vs10,11) Romans 8:1-13

No longer Afraid, but Adopted (v15) 14-17

Now Groaning, but Glorified (v23) 18-30

No longer Condemned, but Conquering (vs1,37) 31-39

1 **There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.** 2 **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.** 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, *set their minds* on the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so; 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10 **And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.** 11 **But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.** 12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

v1. Summary Truth: Saints, those “in Christ Jesus,” are “Untouchables.”

No condemnation; no death, no punishment. Great promise of eternal security!

v2. The “law of the Spirit of life” has freed us from “the law of sin and of death (bondage).”

v3. The Law cannot fix us, only God (through God’s grace) can fix us!

**Jesus Christ died for what we are (our sin nature) as much as for what we did (sins we commit).**

The Law is weak “through the flesh” - so God’s Son Jesus came to defeat/condemn, “sin in the flesh.”

Jesus Christ did not come “in sinful flesh” - but “in the likeness of sinful flesh.” God’s Son, not Adam’s

Jesus knew no sin, 2 Cor 5:21; Jesus did no sin, 1 Pet 2:21-22; there was no sin in Jesus, 1 John 3:5

v4. Law’s requirements cannot be fulfilled “walking in the flesh” - but only by “walking in the Spirit.”

v5. Those “according to the flesh” can only think of and live for the temporal things of “the flesh.”

Those who are “according to the Spirit” can think of and live for the eternal things of “the Spirit.”

v6. What our mind focuses on, determines our outcome: flesh = “death” - but - Spirit = “life & peace.”

v7. The mind set on the flesh is incapable of rising above the flesh because it is “hostile toward God.”

The mind set on the flesh is death v6, is hostile toward God v7, does not subject itself to the Law of God v7

v8. The flesh is totally incapable of pleasing (*finding favor with*) God. Faith (*not flesh*) pleases God! Heb 11:6

v9. When saved, you receive, forever, the indwelling Spirit – the power source for “living in the Spirit.”

v10. When saved, your body is still dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

v11. When saved, that same Holy Spirit power that raised Christ from the dead now empowers you for holy living in this life; as well as in your future/new/sinless body which will live forever. Eph 1:13-14

v12. We are no longer slaves to living to the flesh, but can chose to submit to the leading of the Spirit.

v13. Living for the flesh results in death - allowing the Spirit to defeat the flesh brings life & peace.