

The Book of Romans

- I. Paul's **Introduction** to his **Letter** (1:1-17)
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IV. Paul *Describes* the new **Life** and **Walk** of **Believers**, with regard to **Sin, Righteousness, the Law, and the Indwelling Spirit** (6:1-8:39)

- A. He *Informs* them that, *in Messiah*, they have both "**Died to Sin,**" and **Raised** to Walk in "*Newness of Life*" (6:1-14).
- B. He *Implores* them to **live** as **Servants of Righteousness** (6:15-23)
- C. He *Informs* them that they have "**Died**" to the **Law** *through* the **Body of Messiah** (7:1-13)
- D. He *Illustrates* his **Personal Struggle** with the **Law** and **Indwelling Sin** in the **Flesh** (7:14-25)

E. He *Instructs* them to now **Live and Walk** according to **Indwelling Spirit of God** (8:1-39)

- 1. *Expressing* that they are **no longer Condemned**, but **Freed** from **Death**, by the "**Spirit of Life**" in **Messiah** (8:1-4)

⁸ Therefore there is now **no condemnation** for **those** who are **in Messiah Jesus**.

² For the ***law*** of the **Spirit of life** in **Messiah 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 so that the *requirement* of the Law might be fulfilled in us,
who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

2. *Exhorting them* to now Walk, not according to the
Flesh, but according to the Spirit (8:5-8)

a. *Recognizing the Contrary “Aims”* of the Flesh and the Spirit
(8:5-8)

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, 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**.

b. *Reaffirming the Presence* of the Indwelling Spirit (8:9-11)

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 Messiah,
he does *not* belong to Him.

¹⁰ If **Messiah** 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* **Messiah Jesus** from the **dead**
will also **give life** to your mortal bodies
through His Spirit who dwells in you.

c. *Ratifying the Priority* of **Living** according to the Spirit (8:12-13)

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**.

d. **Revealing** their **Magnified Position** as **Sons of God** (8:14-17)

¹⁴ For **all** who are being **led** by the **Spirit of God**, these are **sons of God**.

¹⁵ For you have **not received** a **spirit of slavery** leading to **fear again**, but you have received a **spirit of adoption** as **sons** by which **we cry out**, “**Abba! Father!**”

¹⁶ The **Spirit Himself** *testifies* with *our spirit* that **we are children of God**,

¹⁷ and if **children**, *heirs* also, *heirs of God* and *fellow heirs* with **Messiah**, if indeed we *suffer with Him* so that we may also be *glorified with Him*.

Message Summary and Application The **Work** of the **Indwelling Spirit** in our Lives

1. As **believers**, we have been **set free** from the “**law**” of **sin and death**, having received the “**law**” of the “**Spirit of Life**” in **Jesus the Messiah** (8:2)

So also it is written,
“The first MAN, **Adam**, BECAME A LIVING SOUL.”
The **last Adam (Messiah)** *became* a **life-giving spirit**.
(I Corinthians 15:45)

2. The **Law** could **not** make us **righteous**, being “**weak**” through the **flesh**. Knowing this, **God sent His son Jesus** to **die** as an *offering for sin* (8:3a), that **we** might be **justified** (declared **righteous**) by **faith** in **Jesus**, and not by the *works* of the **Law** (i.e. by the **flesh**) (3:20-24). By **His death**, **Messiah condemned** “**sin in the flesh**” (8:3).

As a result, that which made **us weak**, “**sin in the flesh**,” has been **condemned** (8:3), and **we** have been **set free** from “the **law** of **sin** and **death**,” by “the **law** of the **Spirit of life**” in **Jesus the Messiah** (8:2).

Because of these things, **believers** can now **fulfill** the “requirement of the **Law**” (i.e. **live righteously**), **not** by the **flesh**, but by **walking** according to the **Spirit** which now **indwells** and **leads** them (8:4, 9, 14).

...**serving** “in **newness** of the **Spirit** and not in the **oldness** of the **letter** (the **Law**).” (7:6)

3. As *believers*, we are to “**set our minds,**” and aspire to the *things* of the **Spirit**, not the *things* of the **flesh**. For the **mind set** on the **flesh** leads to **death**, but the **mind set** on the **Spirit** is **life** and **peace** (8:5-6).
4. The **Spirit indwells all believers**, and if anyone does **not** have the **Spirit**, “he does **not** belong to **Him (God)** (8:9).” As *believers*, our “**body is dead**” because of **sin**, but our **spirit**, our **inner man is alive** because of **righteousness** (8:10), a **righteousness “imputed”** to us by **faith** in **Messiah**, and **His work** of **redemption** (Romans 3:21-24, 4:23-24).
5. Also, because the **Spirit of Him (God)** who **raised Jesus** from the **dead indwells us**, **He** who **raised Jesus** can “**raise,**” and give “**life**” to our “**mortal bodies**” here as well (8:11).
6. As *believers*, we are under **no obligation** to **live** according to **flesh**, which leads to **death**. We can instead, **by the Spirit**, “put to **death**” the **deeds** of the **body**, and **live** (8:12-13).
7. If *we* are **led** by the **Spirit of God**, *we* are **sons** of God (8:14).

As *believers*, we have **not** been given a “**spirit of slavery,**” to live as **fearful servants**. We have received a “**spirit of adoption**” through which *we* (as **sons**) cry out “**Abba,**” for **God** is **our Father** (8:14-15).

8. The **Spirit Himself testifies with** our spirit that *we* are **children**, literally “**born ones**” of God.

“...and if **children**, **heirs** also, **heirs of God**
and **fellow heirs** with **Messiah**,
if indeed we **suffer with Him**
so that we may also be **glorified with Him.**” (8:17)

Closing Comments