

“WE BELIEVE”

“NOURISHED ON THE WORDS OF FAITH AND SOUND DOCTRINE”

PART 12

“WE BELIEVE... IN THE HOLY SPIRIT” (PART 3)

“Free at Last! Discovering Life in the Spirit”

(Romans 8:1-17)

INTRODUCTION:

THE LARGER CONTEXT OF ROMANS 3:21-8:39

- _____, _____, and ultimately _____, are tied together. The grace that _____, _____!

THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT: QUESTIONS RAISED BY PAUL'S GOSPEL (6:1-7:23)

- Question 1: Does the doctrine of salvation by grace alone apart from the law result in a freedom without _____ where sin is not only tolerated but actually _____? (6:1)
“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?”
 —Romans 6:1
- Answer: **Absolutely not!** I have a new _____ as evidenced in my _____. (6:1-14)
- Question 2: Is the believer's new liberty in Christ an excuse for _____ and an opportunity for the _____ of the flesh? (6:15)
“What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace?”
 —Romans 6:15
- Answer: **Absolutely not!** I have a whole new _____ as illustrated through _____. (6:15-23)
- Question 3: If salvation by grace through faith renders the believer not only dead to _____ (6:11), but also... dead to the _____ (7:4), is the law _____ or _____? (7:7a)
“What shall we say then? Is the Law sin?”

—Romans 7:7a

- Answer: **Absolutely not!** The law is _____, even though it is _____. (7:1-12)
- The Law only has power...
 1. ...to _____ me for sin. It cannot _____ me from sin.
 2. ...to _____ me to sin. It cannot _____ me from sinning.
 3. ...to _____ me of sin. It cannot _____ me from sin.
- Question 4: If the law is _____, how can it result only in _____? (7:13a)
 "Therefore, did that which is good become a cause of death for me?"

—Romans 7:13a

- Answer: **Absolutely not!** The law is not the problem, but _____ operating in my _____ . (7:13-25)

1A. THE _____ OF OUR LIBERTY (8:1, 2)

- "In Christ we have been set free by the Spirit from that realm, _____ by sin, in which _____ and _____ are the inevitable realities of every person."

2A. THE _____ OF OUR LIBERTY (8:3, 4)

- "God's work in Christ, mediated by the Spirit, overcomes the _____ of the Law and _____ the believer from the law of sin and death so that the _____ requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in him."

3A. THE _____ OF OUR LIBERTY (8:5-8)

- "Having been brought into the realm of the Spirit through the inauguration of the new era in Christ, the believer now aligns his _____ and _____ in harmony with the Spirit's _____, experiencing the abundant life He introduces."

4A. THE _____ OF OUR LIBERTY (8:9-17)

- "The indwelling Spirit is the essential _____ of true conversion and the _____ of bodily transformation."

CONCLUSION: