October Memory Verse
That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (Romans 8:4-5)

Sermon Notes

THE BIG IDEA
What is the main truth the Lord showed you in this passage?

Trinity Gospel Church **Bible Study Notes**

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ

Romans 8:1-4

[1] There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

[2] For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

[3] For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

[4] That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Dueling Laws

There is a law/principle which we learned in Romans 7 stating that sin is always present in our flesh and condemning us to death (the law of sin and death). However, in this chapter a stronger law is introduced. The Holy Spirit given us by God's grace through the gospel overcomes the law of sin and death enabling us to live in righteousness!

Section 1—No Condemnation

Read Romans 8:1; Ephesians 1:3-4, 12-13

1) According to this verse when do we experience "no condemnation"? Why?

2) According to Ephesians 1 how does the designation "in Christ" and "in Him" affect our spiritual state? How do we enter into this state?

3) Do you ever feel condemned? From whom do you think that feeling of condemnation comes?

Section 2—The Spirit of Life

Read Romans 8:2; John 7:37-39

1) Why do you think the Holy Spirit is associated with "life" as opposed to "death"?

2) How did Jesus indicate our relationship with God would change because of Him?

3) Do you think that the Holy Spirit dwells in you? Why? What does that mean for your relationship with God?

Section 3—The Weakness of the Flesh

Read Romans 8:3; Galatians 6:7-8

1) According to this verse why can't we just obey the law as it demands?

2) If we attempt to please God by our own means and ability (our flesh) what will be the result according to Galatians 6?

3) How should this reality affect your everyday decisions and actions? Give a practical example.

Section 4—Righteousness Fulfilled

Read Romans 8:4; Hebrews 13:20-21

1) According to this verse can Christians live righteous lives according to God's standards? Explain.

2) According to Hebrews 13 by what means can you do what is pleasing to God?

3) Where should the righteous acts of your walk/life originate? How does that happen practically?

Don't forget the Big Idea!