DISCIPLE'S QUEST

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31

April 23, 2023 Romans 8:1-4 A Battle Plan for Winning the War Against Sin

Main Idea:

God has not saved us at the unfathomable cost of the sacrifice of His Son only to leave us helpless against sin. Rather, He has made provision for us to increasingly find victory over sin in day-to-day life.

Outline:

The Battle Plan – Three instructions for winning the war against sin here and now.

1. To increasingly triumph over sin in day-to-day life, continually meditate on the reality that your salvation in Christ is so mighty and sure that by it God has freed you not only from the guilt of your sin, but also from its domination.

2. To increasingly triumph over sin, strive to comprehend the Holy Spirit's power already at work in you and obediently submit to His control.

3. To increasingly triumph over sin, fix your mind on the complete efficacy of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for you, forsake your old fleshly ways and decisively live life in the Spirit's power.

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message: #1 What is the consequence of refusing to believe in Jesus for salvation? #2 Why is human religion not able to provide an escape from sin's penalty and power? #3 What condemnation does the believer's salvation in Christ free him from? How? #4 Who is "the Spirit of Life" (v. 2)? What are some of the ways that He ministers to believers? How does He help us in our ongoing war against sin in this present life? What could the law not do (8:3)? #5 Why not? What does our inability to keep the law actually prove? #6 #7 Does God make believers in His Son righteous? How?

What does it mean to walk according to the Spirit?

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