

ENJOYING THE PRESENCE

LIFE
IN THE
SPIRIT

AND POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WEEK SEVEN

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1. NO LONGER CONDEMNED, BUT ACCEPTED

ROMANS 8:1-4

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

1. NO LONGER CONDEMNED, BUT ACCEPTED

ROMANS 8:1-4

³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

“Most of our troubles are due to our failure to realize the truth of this verse.”

MARTYN LLOYD-JONES

“If Jesus appeared at your dining room table tonight with knowledge of everything you are and are not, total comprehension of your life story and every skeleton hidden in your closet; if He laid out the real state of your present discipleship with the hidden agenda, the mixed motives, and the dark desires buried in your psyche, you would feel His acceptance and forgiveness.”

BRENNAN MANNING

1. NO LONGER CONDEMNED, BUT ACCEPTED

ROMANS 8:3-4

³ For **God has done** what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

2. NO LONGER DEAD, BUT ALIVE

ROMANS 8:5-13

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ **For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.** ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

THREE WAYS TO LIVE

1. Defy God in the power of the flesh
2. Serve God in the power of the flesh
3. Serve God in the power of the Spirit

2. NO LONGER DEAD, BUT ALIVE

ROMANS 8:5-13

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

2. NO LONGER DEAD, BUT ALIVE

ROMANS 8:5-13

¹¹ 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 dwells in you. ¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

“The gospel means that we stop earning, the gospel does not mean we stop striving. Some of us need to get off our butts and fight like something glorious is at stake in our lives, because it is! If you are discouraged right now, and just fighting to stay true to Jesus, the fighting doesn’t prove that you don’t love him. It proves that you do.”

RAY ORTLUND

3. NO LONGER SLAVES, BUT ADOPTED

ROMANS 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

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ROMANS 8:14-17

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

“It was a subversive thing for Paul to take a masculine-only institution and show that, in Christ, the institution of “empowering-through-adoption” is used on females as well as males without distinction. Christian women should not resent being called “sons” any more than Christian men should resent being called part of the bride of Christ!”

TIM KELLER

“My deepest awareness of myself is that I am deeply loved by **Jesus Christ** and I have done nothing to earn it or deserve it.”

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