

Romans 8:4-17 Being God's Kids

Paul goes on to assure us of the work that God has done, and the sonship that He has purchased, but that we don't always experience that in our day-to-day lives. How can we experience the blessing of sonship?

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The Reality, Obligation, & Experience of Belonging to God

-The Reality (v4b-11)

-The Obligation (v12-13)

-The Experience (v14-17a)

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The Reality of Belonging to God (v4b-11)

“who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

“US who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

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“those who live according to the flesh”

Doing method according to the flesh

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Baking cookies according to the flesh

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“set their minds on the things of the flesh”

Matthew 16:23 — But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

Colossians 3:2 — Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Philippians 2:5 — Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

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“but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”

“For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

“Life” & “death” are more broad than eternal life, they both speak of our experience now

“Life” = zōē(ζωή); 1) lit. That which is alive

-2) of the absolute fullness of life... life real and genuine, a life active and vigorous, devoted to God, blessed...

-the portion even in this world of those who put their trust in Christ

Romans 7:10 — “the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.”

-1 Timothy 5:6 — “But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.”

John 10:10 — “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

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“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God...

-for it is not subject to the law of God...

-nor indeed can be.

-So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”

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“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit,”

-“IF indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you...”

“If” (eiper) = The First Class Condition:

-“If, as is the case” or even “since”

Matthew 4:3 — Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

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“Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”

You CANNOT be a Christian and not have the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16-17 — “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— “the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 20:22 — And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

Luke 24:49 — “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

GREEK PREPOSITIONS

-“for He dwells WITH you” = para

-“and will be IN you” = en

-“ I send the Promise... UPON you” = epi

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You CANNOT be a Christian and not have the Holy Spirit.

-But you CAN be a Christian who is not “filled with Spirit” / have the Spirit “upon” them.

Acts 2:1 & 4 — When the Day of Pentecost had fully come... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...

Acts 4:8 — Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them...

Ephesians 5:18 — And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be [continually being] filled with the Spirit,

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“And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”

All 3 “is” are not there in the Greek.

Romans 7:24 — ...this body of death

-Romans 7:20 — ...sin that dwells in me.

2 Corinthians 5:21 — For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Philippians 3:9 — and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Romans 4:3 — For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

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“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you”

-YLT & NIV “And if the Spirit of Him...”

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TWO CATEGORIES

THOSE

- who... walk according to the flesh (v1&4)
- who live according to the flesh (v5)
- set their minds on the things of the flesh (v5)
- carnally minded (v6)
- [at] enmity against God [v7]
- not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be (v7)
- cannot please God (v8)
- in the flesh (v9)

Romans 8:9 — But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit...

YOU

- who... walk according to the Spirit (v1&4)
- who live according to the Spirit (v5)
- set their minds on the things of the Spirit (v5)
- spiritually minded (v6)
- [have] life and peace (v6)
- in the Spirit (v9)
- the Spirit of God dwells in you (v9)
- have the Spirit of Christ (v9)
- are His (v9)

****CALEB**** Can you put both of the previous bulleted lists on one non bulleted slide here? 🙄

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“Unintentional sin”

Numbers 15:22 — ‘If you sin unintentionally, and do not observe all these commandments which the LORD has spoken to Moses—

Numbers 15:30 — ‘But the person who does anything presumptuously, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people.

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The Obligation of Belonging to God (12-13)

“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.”

“we are debtors”(lit.) ≈ “we have an obligation”(NIV)

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“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.”

“you will live”

-zaō(ζάω); 2) to enjoy real life, to have true life, active & blessed

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MORTIFICATION

-What is Mortification?

Mortification is a “clear-sighted recognition of evil as evil” and “we are to put to death there the misdeeds of the body, that is, every part of our body (our eyes, ears, mouth, hands or feet) which serves ourselves instead of God.”

Proverbs 8:13 — The fear of the LORD is to hate evil...

MORTIFICATION

What is Mortification?

How does mortification take place?

“Only by the Spirit... Nevertheless, it is we who must take the initiative to act... if temptation comes... we must be ruthless.”

Matthew 5:29-30 — “If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. “And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

“Positively, we are to set our minds on the things the spirit desires.”

Philippians 4:8 — Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

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Philippians 2:12-13 — Therefore, my beloved... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

-for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

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-1) WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO!

-2) “Mortification is the ONLY road to life.”

“It is only by putting our evil Deeds to death that we experience the full life of God's children.”

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The Experience of Belonging to God (v14-17)

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God”

Galatians 4:4-7 — But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into

your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear”

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“but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God”

“and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ”

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The Prodigal Son (Luke 15)

Luke 11:13 — “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

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