

The "Good Life"  
*Encouragement and Exhortation for the Christian from Romans 8*

Part One: Living the "Good Life"

The "Good Life" is all about living.

The Christian lives a transformed life.

Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Romans 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

Romans 8:3 "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,"

Jesus was fully God and fully man; this is known as the Hypostatic Union.

Romans 8:4, "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."

Christians reveal the truth of their salvation by their obedience to the law by the help of the Spirit.

The consequence of falling short of God's commands and purpose is death. But before there was a consequence, there was a requirement. The requirement is obedience, and Jesus fulfills what the law requires through perfect obedience.

Romans 8:5, "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."

Does this mean that Christians don't sin?

Absolutely not! It means that where the Holy Spirit brings life, life grows in a Christ-exalting direction.

Romans 8:6. "For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."

Romans 8:7. "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."

Romans 8:8. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God."

Romans 8:9. "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. "

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom, and there is fruit.

Romans 8:10. "But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness."

After your salvation, you live and pursue godliness in this sinful body by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:11. "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."

The "Good Life" is received, not achieved.

The "Good Life" is freedom from sin with fruit from the Spirit.

The "Good Life" is about being more like Jesus, instead of trying to be more like others.

The "Good Life" is the humbling realization that Jesus paid for the life you are now living by lovingly giving Himself for you on the cross.

The "Good Life" is an already and not yet way of life.