The Book of ROMANS
Chapter 8:1-17
"The Spirit Filled Believer!"

Introduction: Chapter 8 is filled with three classic memory verses - Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39. It is also a golfer's chapter; the word *"for"* is used seventeen times. But most importantly chapter 8 is a *Spiritual* chapter. The *Holy Spirit* is referenced only four times in chapters 1 through 7, whereas the *Holy Spirit* is mentioned nineteen times in chapter eight. Our heavenly Father wants us to understand our *new life and relationship in the Spirit* through our *Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*, who is mentioned twelve times in this glorious chapter.

~ FOUR SPIRITUALS KEYS FOR THE SPIRIT FILLED BELIEVER:

> Spiritual Key #1 - WALK ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT! (v1-4)

(v1) There is *"no CONDEMNATION to those who are in Christ Jesus"*

– This is great news for the believer in Christ, for there is neither sentencing nor PUNISHMENT for the sins that believers have committed or will ever commit.

- Listen to Paul's description of our new life in Christ and victory over the flesh:

Ephesians 2:1-10 - *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor*

idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. <u>But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God</u>.

(v2) *"the Spirit of <u>LIFE</u> in Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and <u>DEATH</u>"*
– What are you free from? Slavery to <u>SIN</u>, resulting in <u>DEATH</u>! In 1 Corinthians 15:56-57 - *The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the <u>VICTORY</u> through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

(v3-4) God's Son came in the *likeness of sinful flesh*, yet without <u>SIN</u>!
- Hebrews 2:14-15- *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the <u>DEVIL</u>, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage*

- Hebrews 7:26 - *For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from <u>SINNERS</u>, and has become higher than the heavens;*

- Hebrews 10:5-7- *Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come -- In the volume of the <u>BOOK</u> it is written of Me -- To do Your <u>WILL</u>, O God.'"*

- 2 Corinthians 5:21- *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the <u>RIGHTEOUSNESS</u> of God in Him.*

<u>> Spiritual Key #2 – BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED! (v5-9)</u>

(v5-7) The *Spiritual mind* produces *<u>LIFE</u> and <u>PEACE!</u>*

– *<u>LIFE</u>* is defined as real and genuine, a life active and vigorous, devoted to God, blessed, in the portion even in this world of those who put their trust in Christ, but after the resurrection to be consummated by new accessions (among them a more perfect body) and to last forever.

- *<u>PEACE</u>* – Is the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is.

- Jesus said in John 16:33 - ***These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."***

- <u>The carnal mind is enmity against God</u> - James 4:4 - ***Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.***

(v8-9) A life lived for the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21) is not pleasing to God (v8) and produces death (v13).

- <u>LIFE IN THE SPIRIT produces</u>:
***a new <u>BIRTH</u>* (John 3:1-16);**
***the <u>TRUTH</u>* (John 14:15-19);**
***a <u>TEACHER</u> to help us* (John 14:26);**
***a <u>WITNESS</u> for Christ* (John 15:26-27);**
***a <u>CONVICTION</u> of sin, righteousness, and judgment* (John 16:7-11);**
***a guide who speaks the things of <u>CHRIST</u> to us and reveals things of the <u>FUTURE</u>, He will <u>GLORIFY</u> Christ in us* (John 16:13-15);**
***a new <u>POWER</u> within* (Acts 1:8);**
<u>GIFTS</u> for the church, (administration & personal - Eph. 4:9-16; Ro. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:1-11).

<u>> Spiritual Key #3 – THE SPIRIT IS LIFE! (v10-13)</u>

(v10) Since Christ is now in you, you have the *Spirit of life* because of <u>RIGHTEOUSNESS</u>!

(v11-12) <u>REJOICE!</u> ***"He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your <u>MORTAL</u> bodies through His spirit who dwells in <u>YOU</u>!"***

(v13) A believer in Jesus Christ is born again of the Holy Spirit and <u>LIVES</u>!

<u>> Spiritual Key #4 – THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION! (v14-17)</u>

(v14-15a) <u>No *FEAR*!</u> - 1 John 4:17-19 – ***<u>LOVE</u> has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in <u>LOVE</u>; but perfect love casts out fear because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.***

(v15b) <u>As the *Spirit leads* a believer's life it proves that they have received the *Spirit of adoption* and are *CHILDREN of God*</u>. God is now *"Abba, Father"* – a term of endearment meaning "<u>PAPA</u>!"

(v16) ***"we are children of God"*** **– <u>What are the blessings of a child of God</u>?**
> <u>Here are a few</u>:
- <u>FORGIVENESS!</u> - 1 John 2:1-2 - ***My <u>little children</u>, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an*** **Advocate** ***with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our <u>SINS</u>, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.***

- Protection from <u>DECEPTION!</u> - 1 John 2:18-19 - ***<u>Little children</u>, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the <u>Antichrist</u> is coming, even now many <u>antichrists</u> have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.***

- <u>FAMILY</u> traits - 1 John 2:28-29 - ***And now, <u>little children</u>, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices <u>RIGHTEOUSNESS</u> is born of Him.***

- It is a <u>WONDERFUL</u> life! - 1 John 3:18 - ***My <u>little children</u>, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in <u>DEED</u> and in truth.***

- <u>VICTORY</u> in Christ! - 1 John 4:4 - ***You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is <u>GREATER</u> than he who is in the world.***

(v17a) <u>From suffering to GLORY!</u>
- Hebrews 11:24-26 - ***By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of <u>CHRIST</u> greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.***

(v17b) <u>As a "child of God" you are an HEIR! That means you will receive INHERITANCE!</u>
- Jesus said in John 14:1-4 - ***"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many <u>mansions</u>; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."***

- <u>In Revelation 21:1-8</u> - ***Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of***

heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more <u>death</u>, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."