



Route 66, Romans 8

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Romans 8:12-17

Changed from the inside out

Romans 8:12 *“So then, brothers and sisters, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh”*

You have NO obligation to your flesh

Romans 8:13 *“For if you are living in accord with the flesh, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”*

Living for God is like riding a bike up hill. As soon as you stop peddling, you’re going to stop and go backwards.

Our old (sinful nature) - grows naturally. Weeds

If there is something in your life that is holding you back. Close the door and never go back. (Just doing it less doesn’t work)

New relation to God-

Romans 8:14 *“For all who are being led by the Spirit of God.”* These are sons and daughters of God.”

The Holy Spirit leads us. (doesn’t force us, but leads us)

We are created in the image of God. But not everyone is a child of God - forgiven, redeemed, adopted.

Romans 8:15 *“For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons and daughters by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!””*

Adoption = co-heirs in inheritance

John 1:12-13 *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God.”*

1 John 3:1 *“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”*

Galatians 3:26 *“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,”*

Romans 8:16 *“The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,”*

Galatians 5:16-26 *“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”*

Romans 8:17 *“and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.”*

Romans 8:18 *“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”*

2 Corinthians 4:17 *“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”*

1 Peter 4:12-13 *“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”*

Just good-

1 Peter 4:1-11

“Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit. The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”