

STUDYING THE BOOK OF ROMANS
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 16 - Life Through the Spirit - [Romans 8:1-17](#)

Read the following verses in the Last Days Bible or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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Living By the Power of God's Spirit

8 So there is now no longer any judgment of the second death awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 Because the power of life through Christ Jesus has not only granted me forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, but also power through Him to be set free from the power that the law of sin had over me, which if I had continued in, would have sent me to the second death. [Rev. 20:6, 14; 21:8]

3 Because what the Law could not do, God did. The Law was powerless to change the natural passions and selfishness of our evil hearts, but God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful man as a sin offering for our sins. He thereby condemned to death the sin in our flesh in the human body of Jesus.

4 God did this so that the right actions which the Law demands could now be carried out by us, who no longer try to live right by means of our own will and determination, but by the powerful help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

5 Because those who are unrenewed, who still live as their sinful nature dictates, are always thinking about how they can further please their corrupt desires. But those who have been renewed by the Holy Spirit have firmly set their minds on pleasing God.

6 The mind-set of sinful man leads to death, but peace and everlasting life are the promised possessions of those whose minds are firmly set on pleasing God.

7 Because the one whose mind is set on giving supreme attention to satisfying the desires of the flesh is at war with God! He is not living in obedience to the will of God. In fact, it's impossible for him to do so.

8 So then, those who are still controlled by the desires of the flesh are unable to please God.

9 But if the Spirit of God is indeed living within you, you will not be living to gratify fleshly desires, but to please God. On the other hand, if the Spirit of Christ is not allowed to effectively live within you, to influence and guide you, you don't belong to Him at all.

10But even if Christ is living within you, your body will still die because of its corrupt passions and desires, but your spirit will live forever because you have right standing with God.

11And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead is indeed living within you, then the God who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies back to life again by means of His Spirit who lives within you.

12So then, my dear friends, we are under obligation not to the flesh, to live the way our sinful selves want.

13Because if you are living for the purpose of gratifying the passions and appetites of your body in a wrong way, you are on the road to death! But if by means of the power and help which the Holy Spirit will give you, you smash to death the wrong desires your flesh begs you to satisfy, you will live!

14Because it is only those who make a practice of submitting themselves to the influence and control of the Spirit of God who give proof that they truly are children of God.

15God's Spirit doesn't make us slaves who are afraid of Him; it makes us children of God. For that reason we cry out, "Father! My Father!"

16Then we experience God's Spirit warmly witnessing with our spirit, assuring us that we are indeed His children.

17And if we're God's children, we're also His heirs! Think of it! Heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ! However, if we are to be glorified with Christ, we must also be willing to suffer with Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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181. What is the status of a person who trusts in Jesus Christ? ([8:1](#))

182. How is a person set free from the law of sin and death? ([8:2](#))

183. What did God do that the Law was powerless to do? ([8:3-5](#))

184. What is the difference between those who live according to their sinful nature and those who live according to the Spirit? ([8:5-8](#))

185. How can a person know if he or she is controlled by the sinful nature or by the Spirit? ([8:9](#))

186. What promise is given to people living in the Spirit? ([8:11](#))

187. What kind of obligation do Christians have? ([8:12-14](#))
188. What happens to the person who lives according to the sinful nature? ([8:13](#))
189. By what means can a person find life? ([8:13](#))
190. What is true of people who are led by God's Spirit? ([8:14](#))
191. What kind of spirit do God's children have? ([8:15](#))
192. What are the benefits of being a child of God? ([8:15-17](#))

Lesson 17 - Future Glory - [Romans 8:18-27](#)

Our Wonderful Future Glory

¹⁸But I don't regard the sufferings of this present time worthy of even being considered when we think of the amazing glory that will soon be revealed in us.

¹⁹Because all of creation is waiting with eager anticipation, longing for the curtains to be drawn aside to reveal the children of God in all their glory!

²⁰In fact, all of God's creation has been subjected to hopelessness, not by their own choice, but by the decision of the One who put them under subjection.

²¹But they look forward in hope that they too will be freed from their slavery to decay, and share in a glorious liberty together with the children of God.

²²Because we know that all of creation groans together in birth pangs up to this very moment.

²³And it's not only God's creation in general that's in that condition. But even those of us who have been given a small taste by the Holy Spirit, of what it will actually be like to be with the Lord, groan within ourselves as we wait for the finalizing of our adoption, that is, the changing of our bodies into immortal, glorified bodies.

²⁴Because we were given this hope when we were saved, but hope that's been fulfilled is no longer hope. No one hopes for what he already has and is enjoying.

²⁵But if we keep on hoping for what we don't yet have, that means we are continuing to wait for it with patient endurance.

²⁶And it's also at this point that the Holy Spirit comes to our aid and helps us in our weak efforts, because at times we don't even know what we should pray for, or how we should pray. But then the Spirit Himself prays for us and through us with such intensely deep feelings that we cannot express them in our own words.

²⁷Now the One who searches out and takes note of everything that's in our hearts also knows what's in the mind of the Holy Spirit as He prays, because He pleads with God for His people in perfect harmony with God's will.

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193. How did Paul describe the difference between his present and his future? ([8:18](#))
194. What is the world waiting to see? ([8:19](#))
195. For what reason has the world been forced to wait? ([8:20-21](#))
196. To what human experience did Paul compare his waiting? ([8:22-23](#))
197. For what are the children of God waiting? ([8:23](#))
198. What is and is not genuine hope? ([8:24-25](#))
199. What causes us to wait patiently? ([8:25](#))
200. How does the Spirit help us in our weakness? ([8:26](#))
201. For whom does the Spirit intercede? ([8:27](#))
202. What is the relationship between God and the Spirit? ([8:27](#))

Lesson 18 - More Than Conquerors - [Romans 8:28-39](#)

²⁸And we know that God causes all things to work together for our good, to them that love God and are called according to His purpose.

²⁹Because God always knew who would sincerely accept His invitation to eternal life, and He had decided way back then that they would become just like His incomparable Son, so that He would be the firstborn of many children of God.

³⁰And those whom He decided would be like His Son, He also called to Himself; and those He called, He brought into right standing with Himself; and those He brought into right standing, He also glorified.

God's Great Love for Us

³¹What can we then conclude about all these things? Obviously, if God is so much in favor of us, who can ever win out against us?

32 Surely, if God didn't even spare His own dear Son, but delivered Him up for the sake of us all, how can we ever think that along with Christ, He won't also give us everything else He has promised us?

33 Who can ever successfully condemn us and bring a valid charge against us when God has declared us not guilty, and has chosen us as His very own? God won't, because He's the One who brought us into right standing with Himself.

34 So just who is it that's condemning us? Christ isn't, because He's the One who died for us. But what's even more important, He rose from the dead and is right now in Heaven in the place of highest honor and power at God's right hand, pleading before God for us.

35 Who then can ever come between us and the love that Christ has for us? Those who persecute us and cause us all kinds of misery and suffering can't; nor can any distress, famine, lack of clothing, nor danger of any kind, nor even the threat of death.

36 They only remind us of what King David wrote:

“For Your sake we are in danger of being killed all day long. We are treated like sheep on their way to be slaughtered.” (*Psa. 44:22*)

37 But every time we are attacked by these things we can keep on winning overwhelmingly glorious victories, by means of the help we receive from the One who loved us so.

38 So I'm firmly convinced that neither death, nor any circumstance in life, nor fallen angels, nor governments, nor powers of any kind, nor present or future situations,

39 nor anything above or below us, nor any other created thing of any kind, can ever separate us from the love that God has for us because of Christ Jesus our Lord!

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203. For whom does God promise to work all things for good? ([8:28](#))

204. Who is our ultimate example? ([8:29](#))

205. How does God seek to change His people? ([8:29](#))

206. What does God want each person to become? ([8:29](#))

207. What has God done to make people what He wants them to be? ([8:30](#))

208. What made Paul confident that God takes care of His people? ([8:31-32](#))
209. Why should we feel confident that God is not against us or condemning us? ([8:31-34](#))
210. Where is Jesus Christ right now? ([8:34](#))
211. What possible tragedies or hardships are unable to separate us from the love of Christ? ([8:35-39](#))
212. What kind of persecutions have God's people often faced? ([8:36](#))
213. How are God's people to respond to persecutions and tragedies? ([8:37](#))
214. What gives God's people the ability to respond in triumph to persecution? ([8:37](#))
215. What is God's intention and plan for each Christian?