

Life in the Spirit, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 8.
- B. Romans 8 is the Spirit's chapter.
- C. The theme of the chapter is that the believer is not condemned.
- D. There is no condemnation because of the work of the Holy Spirit.
- E. There are things that the Spirit does to confirm that there is no condemnation.

II. He frees from sin and death. God frees us forensically.

III. He enables us to fulfill the law.

- A. God gives us the fruit of the Spirit.
- B. We are redeemed to do good works.
- C. True believers are known by their obedience. (Luke 1:72, Hebrews 5:8)

IV. He changes our nature.

- A. The thinking process is changed—believers are after different things.
- B. We are after the Spirit. Our disposition is changed.
- C. People who are after the flesh have a disposition towards earthly things. This is spiritual isolation from God. (1 John 2; Philippians 2:5; 3:19; 1 Corinthians 2; Isaiah 59:2)
- D. The result of redemption is life and peace.
- E. Flesh cannot serve God because the fleshly mind is set against God.
- F. We can now please God since we are no longer bound to the flesh.
- G. Believers now have a spiritual resurrection and will one day have a physical resurrection.

V. He empowers us for victory.

VI. He confirms our adoption.

VII. He guarantees our glory.

VIII. He aids our prayers.

Application Questions:

1. What does the Spirit's enabling teach us about the purpose of salvation?

2. How have you experienced the new nature of the Spirit after giving your life to Christ?

3. Why are nonbelievers unable to please God? Explain.
