

# How Does the Spirit Help Us?

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Scripture Basic: Romans 8:1-27

Focal: Romans 8:1-9, 12-13, 26-27

Outline:

## II. What God Has Done for Man: Justification by Faith (1:18-11:36)

### A. What It Is (1:18-5:21)

### B. How It Affects Conduct (6:1-8:39)

1. Is it OK to sin because sin begets grace? (6:1-14)

2. Is it OK to sin because we are not under the Law, which prohibits sin?

(6:15-8:39)

a. What "not under the Law" does not mean (6:15-23)

b. What "not under the Law" does mean (7:1-6)

c. Answer to the seeming disparagement of the Law (7:7-25)

d. Higher conduct secured in Christ through Holy Spirit (8:1-39)

(1) Freedom of the life in Christ (8:1-11)

(a) From eternal condemnation (8:1)

(b) From the law of sin (8:2-9)

1. Failure of Mosaic Law to produce this freedom (8:3a)

2. Freedom accomplished by Christ (8:3b-4)

3. Importance of this freedom (8:5-9)

(c) From the law of death (8:10-11)

(2) Obligations of the life in Christ (8:12-30)

(a) Stated negatively - no debt to the flesh (8:12-17)

(b) Stated positively - Christians should gladly

share Christ's sufferings that they may share

His glory (8:18-30)

1. Because anticipated glory far exceeds

present sufferings (8:18-25)

2. Because the Holy Spirit assists believers

now (8:26-27)

3. Because all things (even sufferings) work

together for good to believers (8:28-30)

(3) Permanence of the life in Christ (8:31-39) - guaranteed

by the relationship of those in Christ to

(a) God the Father (8:31-33)

(b) Jesus Christ (8:34)

(c) All possible trials, enemies, or states of being

(8:35-39)

Applications - Specifically, for purposes of the intended emphasis of this lesson, the Holy Spirit:

1. Produces in the Christian a victory over sin not available by law-keeping (8:2-9).

2. Will actively participate in the physical resurrection of the Christian's body (8:10-11).

3. Assures Christians of our position as sons (and heirs) of a loving Father (8:14-17).

4. Is the "firstfruit" of God's promises to us (8:23-25).

5. Intercedes for us in prayer (8:26-27).