

Romans 8:1-13 Outline

- I. It is the Spirit who fuels our newness of life. The Spirit renovates and delivers what Christ has secured.
 - A. In v. 1-4a, the Spirit unites us with Christ and applies work of Christ in justification to remove penalty of sin.
 - B. (4b-8) In delivering us from the power-realm of the flesh to the control of the Spirit, Christ's victory over sin becomes ours in real-time as Spirit liberates us, not just from sin's penalty, but also its power so that we might fulfil the righteous requirement of Law as we "walk not according to flesh but according to the Spirit."
 - C. Now look at v. 9-11, Paul extends this into the future as the Spirit comes to live in us to prepare us for a guaranteed future life which overcomes death itself. Paul's BIG point: All the blessing that Jesus has won for us, we experience through the ministry of the Spirit in us. The Spirit faithfully renovates and delivers what Christ has secured. And He does it by taking up residence within us

II. The Spirit gives us new ability by giving us a new identity.

III. Warm yourself continually by the fire of the Spirit. IND. B

- A. Paul says "**by the Spirit**" but what does that look like in real time?
- B. Our job in this process, "**you put to death**" isn't easy but it's pretty simple. Here's what we do: warm yourself, continually, by the fire of the Spirit.

Reflection Questions

1. We need something outside of ourselves for sanctification because the Law does not curb sin. The word for “Law” is used 21 times in Chapter 8 and only 8 times in Chapters 9-16. The word “Spirit” is used 19 times in Chapter 8. Without reading ahead, what do you think this chapter is concerned with?
2. Why are verses 1-4 significant? How do they encourage you given the context?
3. How is the requirement of the Law fulfilled in us according to verse 4? Where is true victory found?
4. What does it mean to walk according to flesh vs. walking according to the Spirit?
5. Are you confident of the life you have in Christ according to verses 10-11? Why or why not?
6. Verse 13 paints a picture of the sanctification process. Who is the power source? Who is responsible for allocation of the power?
7. How will you apply this section?