

ROMANS

PART 11: VICTORY OVER THE STRUGGLE

Romans Chapter 8

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A. CENTRAL QUESTION

How does the Christian gain victory over the internal struggle between the old sinful nature and the new nature?

B. KEY WORDS

1. Condemnation (Gk. *katakrino*): to condemn, to judge someone guilty.
2. Father (Aram. *Abba*): A term of endearment used within the family circle (not unlike our word "dad").
3. Flesh (Gk: *sarx*): the sinful nature, a self-sufficient independence of God.

C. OUTLINE

1. I am _____ (8:1)
2. I am internally free from the _____ (8:2).
3. I am _____ (8:3-4)
4. God is _____ every day (8:14)
5. I have a _____ with God (8:15).
6. I have _____ of belonging to God (8:16).
7. I am _____ and _____ by God (8:17; 38-39).

D. QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What did Paul mean by "living according to the flesh" when facing this struggle between our two natures?

2. In what ways might we attempt to try harder to gain victory by living according to the flesh?
3. What ultimately happens when we live according to the flesh?
4. If we, acting in our own strength, cannot achieve victory in this struggle then how is victory achieved? (see Romans 8:5-9)

E. CONCLUSIONS

1. The Holy Spirit frees believers from the _____ (8:2).
2. Believers are to _____ the Holy Spirit (8:4; Gal. 5:25).
3. Believers are controlled by the Holy Spirit so they may think of things that _____ (8:5, 9).
4. The Holy Spirit controls the _____ of believers (8:6).
5. The Holy Spirit _____ believers (8:9).
6. The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the _____ (8:11).
7. The Holy Spirit will raise _____ from the dead, giving life to their mortal bodies (8:11).
8. Believers are _____ into God's family when they receive the Holy Spirit (8:15).
9. The Holy Spirit _____ that believers are God's children (8:16).
10. The presence of the Holy Spirit in believers is a foretaste of _____, and releases us from _____ (8:23).
11. The Holy Spirit helps believers in their _____ (8:26).
12. The Holy Spirit _____ for believers so that they may live in harmony with God's will (8:26, 27).