

# **The Gospel of God**

*Studies in the Epistle of Paul  
to the Romans*

## **The Spirit of Life**

**Romans 8:1-17**

**Lesson 10**

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# What is the Gospel?

## Romans 1:16-17

- ▶ Revelation of the righteousness of God
  - Romans 3:23-26 – righteousness displayed
  - Romans 5:15-21 – righteousness imputed
  - From faith to faith
- ▶ It is all about Jesus Christ (1:3-4)
  - Historical – expectation of the Old Testament
  - Son of God
  - Son of David – human and king
  - Resurrection – Spirit of holiness

# What is the Gospel?

- ▶ Why do we need the righteousness of God?
  - Wrath of God against all ungodliness and unrighteousness
- ▶ What displays God's righteousness?
  - Cross of Christ – just and the justifier (Romans 3:23-26)
- ▶ How do we receive this righteousness?
  - The just shall live by faith
  - Romans 3:24-26

# What is the Gospel?

- ▶ God is and speaks through the Bible
- ▶ You are a sinner, condemned by God
- ▶ Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into the world and died for sinners
- ▶ Jesus Christ is alive – penalty paid in full
- ▶ Believe in Christ to be saved
- ▶ Jesus Christ is coming again.

# What is a Christian?

- ▶ At peace with God through Jesus Christ (5:1)
- ▶ Rejoice in sufferings (5:3)
- ▶ A saint
  - 1 John 2:3-6 – Keeps His commandments
  - 1 John 3:5-6 – No one who sins has either seen Him or known Him

# Sanctification

Romans 5:1-8:17

- ▶ The key principle: our union with Christ
- ▶ Spiritual conflict
  - I am of the flesh (7:14)
    - Sold under sin (7:14)
    - Nothing good dwells in my flesh (7:18)
    - A war in my members (7:22)
  - Spiritual life – a new mind (7:25)
    - I hate sin (7:15)
    - I desire to do right (7:18)
    - I delight in the Law of God (7:22)

# Sanctification

- ▶ Romans 7 – What about the Law?
  - Christ's death removes the jurisdiction of the Law.
  - The Law cannot contain the flesh.
  - The Law actually inflames the flesh – Romans 5:20; 7:5.
  - The Law of Moses has no role in the Christian experience.
- ▶ Romans 8:1-17 – How are we changed?
  - The law of the Spirit of life

# Outline

## Romans 8:1-17

- ▶ No condemnation (8:1)
- ▶ Two laws (8:2-8)
  - The Law of the Spirit of life
  - The Law of sin and death
- ▶ The indwelling Spirit (8:9-11)
- ▶ Sons of God (8:12-17)
  - Debtors
  - Sons of God
  - Heirs of Christ



# No Condemnation

Romans 8:1

- ▶ Romans 5:1 – at peace with God
- ▶ No condemnation
  - I am of the flesh – sold under sin (7:14)
  - I do the things I hate (7:15)
  - Sin dwells in me (7:17)
  - No ability to do good (7:18)
  - I do evil (7:19)
  - Captive to the law of sin in my members (7:23)
  - This body of death – serve sin with my flesh (7:24-25)
- ▶ Basis: Christ's cross and justification

# Two laws

## Romans 8:2-8

### ▶ The Law of the Spirit of life

- Romans 1:4 – Spirit of holiness
- Romans 5:5 – God’s love in our hearts by the Holy Spirit
- Romans 7:6 – new way of the Spirit – not the Law.
- Romans 8:2 – Set free in Christ by Spirit
  - Free from dominion of sin (6:14)
  - Free from wages of sin (6:23)
  - Free from fruit to death (7:5-6)
  - Free to bear fruit for God (7:4)
  - Free from this body of death (7:24)
  - Free – from law of sin and death (8:2)

# Two laws

## Romans 8:2-8

### ▶ The Law of sin and death

- Romans 7:22 – power of evil in us
- Romans 7:23 – captures us in sin and death
- Romans 8:3 – immune to the Law of Moses

# Two laws

## Romans 8:2-8

- ▶ God sent His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh
  - Condemnation of sin in the flesh
  - Brings us to God (1 Peter 3:18)
  - Delivers us from this present evil age (Galatians 1:4)
  - Destroys the works of devil (1 John 3:8)
  - Fulfill in us the righteous requirement of the Law (8:4)

# Law of the Spirit

- ▶ Leads to righteousness
- ▶ How do we walk by the Spirit?
  - 2 Corinthians 5:7 – we walk by faith, not sight.
  - Galatians 5:5 – we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.
  - Psalm 23 – He leads us in the paths of righteousness
  - Set minds on things of the Spirit – not flesh

# Law of the Spirit

- ▶ The mind set on the flesh
  - Mind set on flesh is hostile to God
  - Mind set on flesh does not submit to God's Law
  - Mind set on flesh cannot submit to God's Law
  - Mind set on flesh cannot please God
- ▶ Only the Holy Spirit can deliver from the flesh

# The indwelling Spirit

Romans 8:9-11

- ▶ All believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit
  - Body/flesh remains dead (under the curse)
  - The Spirit is life
  - God gives life to our mortal bodies by the Holy Spirit
- ▶ The Holy Spirit is the Agent of sanctification

# Sons of God

Romans 8:12-17

- ▶ We are debtors
  - Not to the flesh – not under obligation to sin
- ▶ We are sons of God
  - Adoption – Galatians 4:1-7
- ▶ We are heirs
  - Share the life of Christ in the flesh
  - Share the life of Christ in glory



# Sanctification

Romans 5:1-8:17

- ▶ It is based upon justification
- ▶ It is possible because of our union with Christ
- ▶ It is not possible through the Law
- ▶ It is accomplished by the Holy Spirit