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
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