

THE POWER OF A SPIRITUAL BELIEVER (Romans 8:1-4)

I. THE PORTRAIT OF A STRUGGLING BELIEVER (7:15-25)

- A. His PERPLEXITY (7:15-16)**
- B. His PROBLEM (7:17-20)**
- C. His DISCOVERY (7:21-23)**
- D. His DISTRESS (7:24)**

II. THE POWER OF A SPIRITUAL BELIEVER (8:1-4)

A. An INTRODUCTION To This Passage.

1. While Romans 7 sets forth the struggling believer who through self-effort (living by the law) desires to do God's will but lives in defeat, Romans 8 explains how the believer can enjoy a practical _____ over the flesh in this conflict.
2. The key word of this chapter is the word _____ which refers to the _____ some _____ times.

* Is the Holy Spirit that important in our Christian lives?

* How does one receive the Holy Spirit?

B. An EXPOSITION Of These Verses.

1. As soon as Paul starts to focus again on _____ instead of himself (7:25), he remembers the facts of his position/identity in Christ where there is _____. (8:1)

* What phrase indicates positional truth?

2. The word "condemnation" means that those in Christ are _____ to the sin nature.

* What is the context of this statement?

3. This freedom is not some future possibility; it is the believer's _____.
 * What is significant about this word?

4. The freedom of 8:2 involves liberty from a controlling power by means of the _____; the freedom of 6:7 involves liberty from a position of slavery through one's death with _____.
 * What does "law" indicate?

 * What does "made free" communicate?

 * What is the believer free from?

5. God accomplished through the death of Christ for sin, what the law could not do, namely _____ and _____ sin.
 * What is carefully expressed in the phrase, "in the likeness of sinful flesh"?

6. The practical purpose for why God condemned sin in the flesh is that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled _____ us, not by us. (8:4a)
 * When the believer walks by the Spirit, will he fulfill the law?

 * What is the righteous requirement of the law"?

7. A righteous and holy life that includes a genuine love for God and for others is only fulfilled in those who _____ after the _____. (8:4)
 * Is it certain that this will be fulfilled in your Christian life?

 * What does a "walk" imply?

 * What is the difference between Romans 7 and Galatians 5?

 * Who lives the practical Christian life: you or Jesus Christ?

MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRE-SALVATION	AT SALVATION/ Justification	POST-SALVATION/ Sanctification
1. Restraining (2 Thess. 2:6-8)	1. Regenerates (Titus 3:5; John 3:3-7)	1. Filling (Eph. 5:18)
2. Convicting the world (John 16:7-11)	2. Indwells (John 7:37-39; Romans 8:9; John 14:16-17)	2. Teaching/ Illuminating (1 Cor. 2:12-13)
	3. Baptizes (Acts 1:5; 1 Cor. 12:13)	3. Enabling (Romans 15:13; Galatians 5:16)
	4. Seals (Ephesians 1:13-14)	4. Convicting (Heb. 12:5; Rev. 3:19)
	5. Gifts (Romans 12 & 1 Cor. 12)	5. Transforming (2 Cor. 3:18)
		6. Comforting (John 14:16-17; Acts 9:31)
		7. Producing Fruit (Gal. 5:22-23)