

VICTORY IN JESUS.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Read text: **Romans 8:1-17**.
- B. Regarding the text.
 - 1. **Chapter 7** depicts the wretched condition of men without the law of Christ.
 - 2. There are two ways in which accountable men can live.
 - 1) By the **FLESH** – **1 John 2:15-17; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom 7:18**.
 - 2) By the **SPIRIT** – **Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 8:1**.
- C. **Romans 8** continues to illustrate the joy of living by the gospel of Christ.

I. MEN CAN ESCAPE CONDEMNATION. (8:1-4)

- A. “No condemnation.” An adverse sentence.
 - 1. Where? In Christ. (See **Romans 6:1-7** In Christ we have been freed from sin.)
 - 2. Note **verses 1b-2**. Walk after the Spirit. = “law of the Spirit” is the same as the truth in **John 8:32**. (Truth makes free, it produces life.)
 - 3. **Verse 3**. God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh **John 1:14; Phil. 2:7**. “...for sin...” **2 Cor. 5:21**.
- B. Freed from condemnation by the sacrifice of God’s only Son.

II. FLESH VERSUS THE SPIRIT. (8:5-9)

- A. **Vs. 5**: The mind-set.
 - 1. **Carnal** (flesh - worldly). See **Rom. 6:12**.
 - 2. **Spiritual** (things of the Spirit.) See **Col. 3:1-2**.
- B. **Vs. 6**: The product (Death or peace).
- C. **Vss. 7-8**: The reason; “Because” the mind is against God.
- D. The “Spirit of God” and “Spirit of Christ” refer to the Holy Spirit (**1 Pet. 1:11**).

III. BLESSINGS (8:10-11).

- A. The body of sin is put to death and the spirit of life rules in the life of those walking in the light (**1 Jn. 1:7**).
- B. **Verse 11** is in reference to the bodily resurrection of the faithful.
 - 1. Paul refers to the resurrection of Christ. (**11**)
 - 2. And when the Spirit abides in us, we will be raised as well (**1 Thess. 4:13-17**).

IV. LIFE AND DEATH (8:12-13).

- A. We have a debt to pay. Not to our flesh, but to the Spirit.
 - 1. We have a debt which is payable to God.
 - 2. **Rom. 1:14**.
- B. We can be alive or dead (**Gal. 2:20**).

V. LED BY THE SPIRIT (8:14-17).

- A. To be led by the Spirit is to live by the gospel (**Gal. 5:16; 1 John 1:7**).
- B. **Verses 16** is often misunderstood. Some contend that the Spirit is nudging us in a particular direction. Direct operation.
 - 1. The spirit bears witness **WITH** not **TO** our spirit.
 - 2. The witnessing is mutual. Meaning that I am in harmony with truth.
 - 3. This is why we have the inspired word (**2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17; Psalm 119:104**).
- C. When we walk in truth we are being led by the Spirit. (**3 John 1:4** “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”)

VI. CONCLUSION...

- A. By what are we being led? Psalm 119:11!