Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

"He (Christ) has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him."

– Hebrews 9:26b, 28

THE BOOK OF

ROMANS

"THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH"

CHAPTER 8



Themes

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Romans 1-7 Drue's Summary

We are made righteous, holy, and acceptable to God BY God! He justifies us by the faith that He also gives to us. As a result of being justified by God, we now have peace with God.

The war with God is over, but the war within us (flesh vs. spirit) has just begun.

Whereas previously we were slaves to the sinful flesh, we are now set free to walk in a whole new way of life by God's life-giving Spirit.

Even so, the struggle is real and often intense between gratifying the sinful desires of the old self (the flesh) and the new self (spirit).

It can often bring us to a such a point of despair that we just want to give up. Paul felt that big time, and expressed, “*Who will rescue me from this body of death*?” And he spoke truth to himself and to us when he said, “*Thanks be to God who delivers me through Jesus Christ*.”

Today's Summary Verse

"For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live."
– Romans 8:13

1. Salvation (Romans 8:1-4)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering **(propitiation).**

And so he condemned sin in the flesh **(expiation),**
4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us **(imputation),** who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit **(sanctification).**

2. The Flesh (Romans 8:5-8)

5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God;
it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.
8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot
please God.

3. The Spirit (Romans 8:9-13)

9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but
are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of
God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the
Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if
Christ is in you, then even though your body is
subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life
because of righteousness.

11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.



“Be killing sin or sin will be killing you.”

– John Owen

(17th Century Puritan theologian)

4. Adoption (Romans 8:14-16)

14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, *“Abba, Father.”* 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

Remember…

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. There is peace, power, and the ability to please God, when the Spirit of Christ is in you. And when the Spirit of God is in you, you are an adopted son or daughter of the Sovereign God of the universe to whom you can call, *“Abba Father (Daddy).”*

The Blessing

from Philippians 4:10-20

Go now, rejoicing greatly in the Lord,
knowing that whether in plenty or in want,
we can be content in any situation through Christ - our strength, provision, and joy - given to us by our generous Father who supplies all that we need according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.