

The Main Point. In the Father's house there is no condemnation, only acceptance, freedom and inheritance. The children of the Father welcome His presence in their heart. They earnestly desire to be like Him and walk with Him in His ways.

Overview

1-V1-2 Now comes the answer to the crying out of Romans 7. "How will Jesus rescue me from this life that is dominated by sin?" He does two things: (1) He erases the judgments against us. "Now there is _____ for those who _____ to Christ Jesus."

(2) His Spirit pulls us out of the pit and unbinds us and gives us a new beginning. "For the power of the _____-giving _____ has _____ you from the power of _____ that leads to death." (Including death of good things in this life.)

2-V3 The Law of _____, giving us revelation and wisdom of how to live like God, could not save us because law awakens and arouses our _____ nature to rebellion.

3-V3 God's _____ plan was to fatally cripple the power of the rebellious and lustful sin nature so that we can follow the Holy Spirit instead of our sin nature.

4-V3-4 God sent His _____ Son in a _____ like ours except that ours are _____. In His body he made a _____ to pay for our sins. He was obedient unto death—kept the law—undoing the curse of the first Adam who was disobedient so that the _____ of the law (obedience) would be fully accomplished for us and we are able to follow the _____.

5-V5 However, we have to choose what will control our _____. What we habitually think about begins to direct and dominate our behavior. We can think about _____ things or we can think about things that _____ the Holy Spirit.

6-V6 We are never free from the necessity to make choices. That is part of our God image. "If your _____ nature controls your mind, there is _____.
But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is _____ and _____."

7-V7 We choose where our thoughts dwell. Another way of speaking of the sinful nature is SELF. A person who is obsessed with self will never _____ God because the self has its own ideas and priorities. It is _____ toward God and God's laws.

8-V9 Here is a sobering thought. If a person has the _____ of Christ living _____ them, the Spirit will control their attitudes and lifestyle. If a person is pretty much running his own show, it may mean that the Spirit of Christ really isn't in him and that he or she may not actually be a _____.

9-V10 The effect of sin running this world is that everything physical will _____. However, those that have the Spirit of God will have life given to the mortal _____.

10-V12 Sometimes our old ways seem so tempting and strong. But the Master has broken the hold of that alien sin intruder. We have no _____ to let it weasel into our thoughts and run our lives. The Holy Spirit will help us _____ from its seductive voice, tempting us to enjoy again _____ deeds. If we don't, we might _____.

11-V14 We can know that we are the _____ of God when we find ourselves being _____ by the Holy Spirit.

12-V15-16 "So you should not be like _____, fearful _____. You should (and can) _____ like God's very own children, _____ into his family—calling Him, 'Father, dear Father.' For His Spirit _____ to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children. And

since we are his children, we will share His _____ for _____ God gives to his Son, Christ, is _____ too."

13-V17 There is a catch in sharing the _____ of Christ. We must share the same _____ He endured as He said "no" to the raging temptations and false accusations and lying promises of the Evil One. Our mind is a battlefield at times.

Word Study

- THINK • POWER • HAVE • FATHER • FREED
- CONDEMNATION • BODY • SUFFERING

1.V1 _____ "To make a judicial pronouncement stating what punishment has been imposed on a person found guilty of a crime, especially in the case of a heavy penalty or a death sentence." (Dictionary) No condemnation. "You were DEAD because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave all our sins. He CANCELED THE RECORD that contained the charges against us. He took it and DESTROYED IT by nailing it to Christ's cross. In this way, God disarmed the evil rulers and authorities (who accuse us and tell us we are helpless sinners and doomed). He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross." Colossians 2:13-16

2.V2 _____ The word in the original language means to liberate, to acquit, deliver, set free. This word in the New Testament is used only to speak of Jesus setting believers free from the dominion of sin.

3.V3 _____ Jesus' body and personality were affected by the power of sin and the curse upon this earth in the same ways ours are. He experienced suffering and temptation in the same way we do. (Hebrews 2:18) He was physically hungry and thirsty and needed sleep and his body was subject to death. The difference was that Jesus always stood His ground—He never once yielded to sin. When He was offered as a living sacrifice for sin on the cross, He was a pure and spotless offering—the only perfect sacrifice for sin. He became like us so that we could become like Him. "He became sin (on the cross) so that we could become children of God who were right, holy, and pure in His sight." 2 Corinthians 5:21

4.V5 _____ All people have evil thoughts passing through their minds and slip up now and then. However, the Christian hates the mud, repents and calls for the help of the Holy Spirit to deliver him and yields again and again to the person and will of the Master. The difference is whether or not the sins are LIFE DOMINATING—that they permeate our living. Corinthians 6: 9, 10 lists sins which send people to hell. Although these sins touch a Christian's life, they do not dominate his THOUGHTS or control his behavior.

5.V9 _____ God looks at what we have in our spirits. A person can have the Holy Spirit in themselves. His body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:20) Or a person can be actually tolerating the presence and influence of the counterfeit, alien, sinful nature. Here is a scary word. "If you do not have the Spirit of Christ living in you, you are not a Christian at all." A person can tell if they have the Holy Spirit in them if they experience that their lives are "being controlled by the Holy Spirit." So it is well for us to do some self-examination, asking ourselves, 'Who is running my life, really?'

6.V13 _____ The actual phrase in the original language is "but if by the Holy Spirit." The more ideal Christian life is one where the Master walks with us and He deals with the situations that we encounter. Our life should not be one of constant

struggle but of mostly a restfulness--- of love, peace and joy. One person spoke of it as "living in the double bubble of the Lord's love and protection." Hebrews 4:1 speaks of this delightful daily living as "entering into God's place of rest."

7.V15_____ The Greek word is "ABBA," translated as "papa" or "dear father." It is a huge word - a totally wonderful father who has a passionate delight in me.

8.V17_____ In this world "no good deed goes unpunished." Jesus tells us that people of this world will hate us because we are His friends. John 15:18 And we suffer as we put to death wicked things in our life—some still cherished—some deeply rooted.

What does this Scripture say to you?
