

The Difference In the Spirit Life

ROMANS 8:1-17

Text:

Introduction:

1. THE BELIEVER HAS A NEW POSITION (vs. 1-8)

Romans 8:1-8

¹ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ⁵ For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. ⁸ So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

A. Our Position in Regard to the Son of God (vs. 1-3)

1. The miracle involved (vs. 1, 3)

2. The means involved (2, 3)

B. Our Position in Regard to the Law (vs. 4-8)

We are able to fulfill the righteous requirements of the law in and through the Lord.

2. THE BELIEVER HAS A NEW GUEST (VS. 9-14)

Romans 8:9-14

⁹ But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. ¹⁰ And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. ¹³ For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

A. Who – The Holy Spirit (vs. 9)

B. What He Does – He lives within us, and leads us (vs. 9, 14)

3. THE BELIEVER HAS A NEW ADOPTION (VS. 15-17)

Romans 8:15-17

¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

A. Relationship (vs. 15-16)

B. Reward (vs. 17)