

THE ULTIMATE LIFESTYLE
Truth that Transforms - Part 16
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Chapter 8 of Romans is one of the great chapters on the Christian Life. It explains the wonderful privileges we have as believers when we allow the Holy Spirit to fill and control our lives.

Key Word: spirit

Key Phrase: In Christ

THE KIND OF LIFE THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKES POSSIBLE FOR US TO LIVE:

1. A LIFE WITHOUT CONDEMNATION:(Verses 1-4)

God is not angry with me anymore .
John 3:18, John 5:24, 1 John 3:21

Romans 8 v. 1 *"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus because through Christ Jesus the Law of the Spirit of life set me free from the Law of sin and death. For what the Law was powerless to do in that it was weak in my sinful nature, God did by sending His own son..."*

John 3:17 *"For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world but to save it. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned but whoever does not believe stands condemned already."*

John 5:24 *"I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and he will not be condemned. He has crossed over from death to life."*

2. A LIFE WITHOUT DOMINATION (Verses 5-17)

Sin cannot control my life any more.
John 8:34, Rom. 6:16 & 22, 2 Cor. 3:17

Romans 8:5 *"Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what their nature desires. But those who live according to the Spirit, have their minds set on what the Spirit desires."*

v.6- *"The mind of a sinful man is death. But the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace." "You however are controlled not by your sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ he does not belong to Christ."*

Romans 8:12 *"Therefore brothers we have an obligation. But it is not to the sinful nature to live according to it for if you live according to the sinful nature you will die, but if by the Spirit you*

put to death the misdeeds of the body." v. 15 "You did not receive a Spirit that makes you a slave again to fear but you received a spirit of sonship [or adoption] and by Him we cry Abba Father."

3. A LIFE WITHOUT DESPERATION (Verses 18-27)

Even in our suffering we have a hope.

2 Cor. 4:16-18, Titus 2:13, John 14:26-27

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worthy, worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

What glory?

2 Cor. 4:16 *"Therefore we do not lose heart for though outwardly we're wasting away but inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but what is unseen for what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal."*

4. A LIFE WITHOUT MISCALCULATION (Verses 28-30)

God never makes a mistake.

Eph. 1:11, Phil. 1:6

V 28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, [Remember He's talking to Christians] who have been called according to His purpose."

V.29. "For those God foreknew He also predestined to become conformed to the likeness of His Son that He might be the firstborn among many brothers."

Ephesians 1:11 *"In Him, we were also chosen having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with a purpose of His will."*

Philippians 1:6 *"Being confident of this that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ."*

5. A LIFE WITHOUT INTIMIDATION (Verses 31, 34)

If you're a Christian, one plus God equals a majority.

Heb. 13:6, Rom. 8:37

v. 31 "What then shall we say in response to this? If God is for us who can be against us?"

v. 33 "Who will bring any charge against those God has chosen? It's God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Who is he who condemns? Christ Jesus who died, more than that, was raised to life is at the right hand of the Father and is also interceding for us."

Hebrews 13:6 *"So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper. I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?'" "The fear of man is a snare",*

Romans 8:37 *"In all of these things we're more than conquerors."*

Romans 8 teaches that if you're a Christian don't ever call yourself a victim. You're not a victim, you're a victor.

6. A LIFE WITHOUT LIMITATION (Verse 32)

God will provide for all my needs.

Phil. 4:19

v. 32 *"He who did not spare His own son but gave Him up for us all, how will He now not also along with Him graciously give us all things."*

7. A LIFE WITHOUT SEPARATION (Verses 35-39)

Nothing can separate me from God's love.

v. 35 *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written, for your sake we face death all day long. We're considered as sheep to be slaughtered. In all of these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present things nor the future nor any powers, neither any height or depth or anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*