

Romans – The Crown Jewel of Salvation

37 – Freed From Sin and Fighting for Holiness

Romans 8:5-13

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1. Recognize Where You Stand! v. 5-8

“The distinction between Christian and non-Christian is the difference of mind.” – St. Helen’s Bishopsgate “Read, Mark, Learn: Romans” pg 145

Mind = Thinking, Understanding, and Affections

Christian:

v. 5 – Live according to the Spirit, set their minds on the things of the Spirit

v. 6 – Set mind on the Spirit = Life and Peace

Non-Christian:

v. 5 – Live according to the flesh, set their minds on things of the flesh

v. 6 – Set there mind on the flesh = Death

v. 7 – Hostile to God, without ability to submit to or obey God

v. 8 – No ability to please God

2. Remember What God Has Done In You! v. 9-11

We are forgetful people!

v. 9 – In the Spirit

v. 10 – Spirit brings life

v. 11 – We have a future resurrection because of Christ and the Holy Spirit

“The Spirit’s life giving power is not circumscribed by the mortality of the body but overcomes and transforms that mortality into the immortality of eternal life in a resurrected body.” – Doug Moo, “The Epistle to the Romans” pg 493

3. Repent Of Your Sin and Fight For Holiness! v. 12-13

We are indebted to God. Therefore we do not go on sinning but cooperate with the Spirit to fight and kill remaining sin.

Ephesians 4:17-32

Because we sin specifically we must...

1. Repent Specifically

- Falsehood/lies
- Consumed by anger
- Theft
- Corrupting talk
- Every kind of bitterness

2. Obey Specifically

- Speak Truth
- Deal with your anger
- Do honest work
- Be encouraging, build others up
- Be kind, gracious and forgiving

“Effort is not a four-letter word” – Kevin DeYoung “A Hole in Our Holiness” pg 88

“Christians work – They work to kill sin and they work to live in the Spirit. They have rest in the gospel, but never rest in their battle against the flesh and the devil. The child of God has two great marks about him: he is known for his inner warfare and his inner peace. As gospel Christians, we should not be afraid of striving, fighting, and working.” – Kevin DeYoung “A Hole in Our Holiness” pg 89