



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course

Acts to Revelation

Lesson 13

Name: _____

Read Romans 8

Since there is such a struggle within the believer due to the “sin that dwelleth in me,” what is the solution? Who will deliver? The Holy Spirit is mentioned many times in Romans 8. The believer cries after God, and His Spirit guides and intercedes to cover all the flaws and limitations of a human prayer, such weak cries, how could God hear them? We don’t know even how or what to pray. Yet, His Church (His body) is more than conquerors, because they are under Christ their head.

1. To understand how emphatically we need the work of the Holy Spirit before and after justification, read Romans 8 (following) and, as you read, circle each mention of the Holy Spirit.
2. How many times was the Holy Spirit mentioned? _____
3. In chapter 7, the law was mighty to kill Paul. In this chapter, Paul says the law is weak, weak through the _____. What Paul means is that if I seek to keep it for my salvation, it is not good enough, but God in sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful _____ (Christ had to become man) was the strength that sinful man needs. In Christ, the righteousness of the law is _____ in us, who walk not after flesh, but after the _____ (Romans 8: 1-5). Those in Christ, bear the fruit of righteousness by abiding in the True Vine. “Ye shall know them by their fruits” (Matt. 7:16).
4. List the many things Paul says about the flesh or carnal mindedness (Romans 8:6-8)
 - a. To be carnally minded is _____. (Contrast: to be spiritually minded is life and _____)

- b. The carnal mind is _____ against _____.
- c. The carnal mind is not subject to _____.
- d. They in the flesh cannot _____.

5. In the following verses, God (through Paul's writing) again emphasizes the work of the Holy Spirit living in a sinner's heart.

When Paul comes to v. 12, he confesses that "we are _____, not to the _____, for if we live after the flesh we shall _____, but the believer, through the Spirit, is to _____ the deeds of the body (v.9-13). John Owen said, "Be killing sin or it will be killing you." How does the Spirit help? The Spirit alerts to sin (conscience), teaches you to grieve over sin (becomes revulsive), and gives strength to fight sin.

6. Next, Paul reminds the Roman Christians what they have: (Romans 8: 14-16)

- a. If they are led by the Spirit of God, they are (not become) the: _____ of _____.
- b. They have not received [from God] the spirit of _____ again to fear, but the Spirit of _____.
- c. This Spirit puts in their hearts the cry as a little child who cries: _____.

Halt! About Face! Forward March!



Before conversion our back is to God.

Halt: God stops a sinner.

About Face: Initial conversion, regeneration, new birth, new heart, justification. A sinner is turned from self and Satan to Christ through the Spirit.

Forward March: Sanctification. This includes an ongoing mortifying of the old man (daily striving to put sin to death) and quickening of the new man (humble thankfulness for the experience of forgiveness, sincere joy of heart, joy in Christ, joy in service).

Why do even believers need help?

1. There is a real battle requiring a continual war with sin, v. 13 (the Spirit frees from the mastery of sin, v. 2).
2. There is a real death, the last enemy (the Spirit assures of the resurrection, v.11).
3. There are real doubts (the Spirit assures of adoption, v. 14,16).
4. There are real struggles to sincerely and submissively pray (the Spirit intercedes, v. 26).

- d. The [Holy] Spirit bears witness with their spirit that they are: _____ of _____. The direct testimony of the Spirit is a powerful application of His Word so persuasively that you cannot deny that you are a child of God.
7. They are _____ of God and joint-_____ with Christ. (The believer has a great inheritance.)
8. Knowing these things, the believer can suffer many things in the present. These small sufferings (though they be painful and hurtful to the body), cannot to be compared to the _____ that shall be revealed to His Church (v. 18) .
9. Because of sin, the whole _____ groaneth and travaileth in pain. The Church waits for the adoption, or the _____ of the body. (God is not just concerned with our soul. He is also concerned with our body.) Earthly sufferings are for a short time compared to eternity, but we must patiently hope. But, hope that is _____ is not hope (v. 22-24)
10. Many times we pray that suffering be removed from us. When the believer struggles with what the will of the Lord is or feels how weak his prayer is. The [Holy] Spirit helps our infirmities in _____. The [Holy] Spirit makes _____ for us with groanings, which cannot be _____ (spoken). The child of God is assured that the Spirit makes intercession (on his behalf) according to the _____ of God (Romans 8: 26,27).
11. When evil comes to the believer, he knows that all things work together for good to them that _____ God, to them who are the called (inward call) according to his purpose.
12. God never does a half a work. What he begins he finishes. For whom God did foreknow, he also did _____ to be conformed to the image of his

This election was not founded upon foreseen faith, and the obedience of faith, holiness, or any other good quality or disposition in man, as the pre-requisite, cause or condition on which it depended; but men are chosen to faith and to the obedience of faith, holiness, etc., therefore election is the fountain of every saving good; from which proceed faith, holiness, and the other gifts of salvation, and finally eternal life itself.

_____... and whom he did predestinate, them he also called (inward call of salvation)... and whom he called, them he also _____: and whom he _____, them he also _____ (Romans 8: 29-30).

13. The focus of many modern Christians is whether or not they are for God. But Paul turns this around. If God be for us, who can be _____ us. God shows the initiative. He that _____ not his own Son, why would he not give all things to His Church? Who can lay anything to the charge of God's _____? If they do (as Satan often does), they have to contend with God, the Son.

Perseverance of Saints: God does not do a partial work. God will perfect the work He has begun. God's children cannot lose their salvation.

14. Earlier Paul spoke of the Holy Spirit, now he turns our attention to the Son... that He died, and is risen again... and is now at the right hand of God, who makes _____ for us. How I need to be a part of this Church. There is nothing that can _____ Christ from his Church. Paul list tribulation, distress, famine, nakedness, persecution, peril and _____, but none of these things can separate Christ from his Church (Romans 8: 31-36).
15. In the last part of this chapter, Paul says of the Church that they are more than _____ through him (Christ) that loved us. Notice Paul put this in the present tense. Though Satan is not yet thrown in the lake of fire, yet the victory is already won on the cross. "Neither death nor _____, nor angels, nor principalities, nor _____, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the _____ of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8: 37-39). God is infinitely greater than any enemy!

¹There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

³For 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:

⁴That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

⁵For 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.

⁶For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

⁷Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

⁸So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But 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.

¹⁰And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

¹¹But 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.

¹²Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

¹³For 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.

¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

¹⁵For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

¹⁶The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

¹⁷And 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.

¹⁸For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

²⁰For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

²¹Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

²²For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

²³And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

²⁴For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

²⁵But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

²⁹For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

³⁰Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

³¹What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

³²He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

³³Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

³⁴Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

³⁷Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.