

TRUE GODLY (SANCTIFIED) LIVING

Review

- James 4:1-6...Flesh vs. Spirit battle (Humble self / Know what to do)
- The Law is God's righteous expectation of us...WE DON'T MEASURE UP!
Note Not only Mosaic Law, but law Christ gave (including "Be perfect")
- We often try to measure up with our own strength.(get frustrated, just settle)
- Christ did and DOES fulfill the Law!
- We need to let Christ live His life through us (Gal. 2:20)

Intro

- **Read** Romans 7:4-6
- **Summary** of 7:15-25... We have 2 desires within us.
1=old fleshly nature...which does not have power over us any more
(only if time 6:11-12)
2=new spirit of Christ
(only if time 6:2-10) also...2 Cor. 5:17-21
- All of this presents a dilemma... "spirit is willing, but flesh is weak"
(Matt. 26:41)
- Transition from from Chpt.7=Paul realizes he can't do it. But he doesn't have to be condemned (8:1), because he now know he doesn't have to. God can accomplish His righteousness through Paul by His Spirit!

Rom. 8:1-8

Vs. 1

- Our inability is obvious! This can result in feelings of condemnation.
- IN CHRIST there's not condemnation, but deliverance, victory, and life!
- We are not under CONDEMNATION, but we will experience EVALUATION
- If you're experiencing condemnation then you're not experiencing your "in-ness" with Christ. (His life is now our true identity)

Vs. 2—We have been set free. Will we live in it? Or are we still sitting in the cell even though the door is open?

- **law of Spirit of life**—(first look at law of sin and death, then come back here)
Eph 1:19-20...resurrection power for us
John 3...Spirit gives life!
Rom. 5:17
- **law of sin and death**—principle of sin and death...James 1:14-15
#1=Spirit=life----growth (and aerodynamics) overcome gravity
#2=sin=death----gravity

Vs. 3—Law was not intended to give us life...it was to crush us into Dependence!

- God did what the flesh could not do---GIVES US LIFE!
 - In the **LIKENESS**...of sinful flesh (He was not sinful) 1John 1:1-4
 - Christ fulfilled the Law...sin requires an offering (our sin = His death)
- **God's law (righteousness) could not be realized in Paul's life because his flesh was weak...but God made a way for His righteousness to be realized through Paul (and us) THROUGH HIS SON!

*Rom. 5:6-10...He did this based on His love not anything we did to deserve!

*We are reconciled by His death and saved by His life

Vs. 4—In order that...He did this so that...

- **The righteous requirement (perfect-ness/ holiness) could be fulfilled in us...it is His desire for us!**
--Rom. 1:16-17 // 5:17 // 6:13 // 7:6
--II Pet 1:3
- This is possible for ANYONE who walks by the Spirit

IT WON'T HAPPEN THROUGH THE FLESH!!

*Zech 4:6

*I Cor. 15:45-50-flesh can not produce spiritual life

*Gal. 3:3

*It is not a mixture of flesh and Spirit (Mark 2:21-22)

I NEED TO BE CONNECTED TO GOD! RELATIONSHIP!

* Even Christ depended on unity with the Father...Jn. 5:19 / 5:30 /8:28

*John 15:4-5...Abiding relationship

*No confidence in flesh! Confidence in relationship...Phil. 3:3-14

--Our fleshly achievements should be counted as loss-they keep us from Him!

- Walk according to the Spirit...this is a moment by moment experience...we can experience it one moment then not the next

Vs.5—What dominates you?

- According to (literally=under) the flesh=dominated by human nature
- Set their mind on the things of the flesh= cooperate with / act out / carrying out the desires of human nature
- We are either being dominated by our flesh or by the Spirit of God

Q: What controls you? fleshly desires or Spirit of God

- Example of Peter...Matt.16:15-23
- Ps. 36:3-6-We can be “synchronized” with Him! As we trust Him the desires of our heart will be granted

Vs. 6—Flesh =Death //Spirit = Life

- Death of motivation, relationship, strength, peace, joy (absence of life)
- Life = animation (Peace with and before God and others)

Vs. 7-8—Why do we try to please God out of fleshly works?

- Gen 4 / Heb.11...Cain offering was not of faith-Did not please God
- It's not about us adjusting our lives, or “fitting” Him into our lives
- HE WANTS US TO HAND OUR LIFE OVER! **Luke 14:25-35**
- Don't get overwhelmed...hand over what you know your holding onto today, then move on from there!