

Living Connections Bible Study



Walking By Means of the Spirit

Text: Romans 8:1-4

Prayer

Icebreaker: Describe a *do-it-yourself* project that you should have had an expert handle for you.

1. What was Paul's experience when he tried to do it himself, trying to live for God in the strength of his flesh? Romans 7:18-24

2. What is the answer to Paul's desperate cry for help over his old sinful self? Romans 7:24-25

3. Who is the provision through Christ Who empowers and instructs us so we can walk in victory over our old nature? John 14:16-18, 26; 16:7, 13-14; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:16

4. Before class read through Romans chapter 8 to discover how many times the Holy Spirit is mentioned in the chapter. He is only casually referred to twice in the previous 7 chapters.

We have already learned that the laws of God given to Moses have no power to make us righteous. They can only condemn and expose our sinfulness.

5. What glorious truth should every believer be made aware of because of our position of being in Christ? Romans 8:1; John 5:24; 1 John 2:12-13

The phrase ...*who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit*, is not found in most of our translations because it was not found in the earliest manuscripts. It belongs with the same phrase found in verse 4, and describes the righteous character and victory of those who are walking by means of the Spirit. This phrase cannot be describing the condition of release from condemnation or our justification would not be *by grace through faith*, but by the works of the Law.

6. What appropriate title is the Holy Spirit given in verse 2 of our text?

7. How does *the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus* stand in stark contrast to *the Law of Sin and death*? Romans 8:2; 3:23; 7:8-13; Titus 3:5-6

8. What does Paul mean when he says that the Law of God was weak through the flesh? Verse 3 Romans 7:18; 8:8

9. How did Christ condemn sin in the flesh for us according to the following verses? Verse 3
Hebrews 2:14, 17; 10:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21

10. What is the meaning of the titles *Christ* and *Messiah*? And what does this teach us about the perfect *Son of Man* (Jesus) and His victory over temptation and power for ministry during His life and ministry on earth? Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18; Matthew 3:16; Acts 2:22; Hebrews 4:15

11. What was the greatest demonstration of Christ's condemnation and victory over sin and death? Verse 3; Romans 8:11; Hebrews 13:20-21

12. When will Christ vanquish sin and its consequences for good? 1 Corinthians 15:25-26, 54-56

13. How can we have victory over the power of sin in our mortal flesh? Verses 3b-4
Ephesians 5:23-27; John 17:15

Think About It This Week:

*Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you,
whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
For you were bought at a price;
therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

1 Corinthians 6:19-20