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VICTORY OVER LEGALISM & SELF-DEPENDENCE

THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

(Romans 7:15-8:4)

I. YOUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST – YOU HAVE DIED TO THE SIN NATURE!

Romans Chapter 6 - Review

II. YOUR STRUGGLE—THE SIN NATURE VERSUS THE NEW NATURE!

*Have you ever…*

\* Can the inner conflict you experience as a believer be baffling at times? (7:15a)

\* Can the Christian life be lived by your sheer willpower and strength? (7:15b)

\* Can you actually end up doing the opposite of what you desire in your Christian walk? (7:15c-16)

\* What is the real source of your spiritual defeat? (7:17)

\* Who is your greatest problem? (7:18a)

\* Does God change your flesh at salvation? (7:18b)

\* Why do believers live in spiritual defeat? (7:18c-20)

\* What will the believer experience when he seeks to live the Christian life by law and seeks victory and fruit through his own strength? (7:21-24)

\* While knowing the truth of Romans 6, and desiring to serve Jesus Christ, how did Paul end up in Romans 7?

**III. YOUR POWER SOURCE TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE—THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

You were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 8:9), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 1:13), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 12:13), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:3-7), and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 12:4-7) by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the very moment you were born again and blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ.

The Holy Spirit now wants to minister to you each day by:

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you the Word of God (1 Cor. 2:12-13)
* Enabling you to have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the flesh (Gal. 5:16)
* Giving you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to live the Christian life (Eph. 5:18-20)
* Producing spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in your life (Gal. 5:22-23)

\* What was the rationale and need behind God giving the Holy Spirit to permanently indwell and empower you?

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| Person | Mission | Ability |
| The Believer in Christ | To glorify Jesus Christ  (Hebrews 13:20-21) | Totally inadequate  (2 Cor. 3:5) |
| The Holy Spirit | To glorify Jesus Christ  (John 6:14) | Totally adequate  (Zech. 4:6) |

GOD’S SOLUTION: to place the Holy Spirit permanently \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every believer in Christ (Romans 8:9).

PRINCIPLE TO REMEMBER:

The Christian Life Is a Walk of Faith in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Your Life through the Empowerment of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 2:20, Colossians 2:6–7, John 15:4–5, Jeremiah 17:5–9, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 11:6,

2 Corinthians 3:5, Romans 15:13

\* Is there victory available over sin and the power necessary to be fruitful for Jesus Christ?

**IV. YOUR APPEAL BY GOD—STOP BEING CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD BUT BE TRANSFORMED TO DO HIS WILL!**

Romans 12:1–2