

Romans #105

“The Holy Spirit to the Rescue”

Romans 8:2-4; Isaiah 55:6-10

God says: our tool to overcome carnality and have joy in all circumstances is the Holy Spirit.

Walking by means of the Holy Spirit is not an emotional experience or following certain rules; it's knowing that we are new creatures in Christ, completely different from who we were in Adam, with a radical new identity and new life.

The condemnation we've escaped by expressing faith alone in Christ alone continues experientially through the filling of the Holy Spirit, while discipline in time is caused by walking according to the flesh.

Now in Romans 6-8, since we know how to be justified, it's how the justified who have moved from spiritual death to spiritual life, should live.

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The Christian life not based on how I feel about my relationship with God or how I feel about sin or on any other experience, it's based on the fact that I understand that something's changed and because I have a new reality, I'm going to live differently.

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Romans 8:4 is a purpose clause continued from verse 3, designed to express the triumph of divine spiritual or experiential righteousness imputed in conjunction with the filling of the Holy Spirit

after salvation in Phase 2 of the plan of God.

How do we break through the tyranny of the sin nature's hold on us?

By believing or reckoning ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

We need a new self-image and that's what will deliver us.

When we understand who we really are,

we can say "No" to the sin nature and

"Yes" to the Holy Spirit and know what it means to truly have a new life.

Believing we belong to God in Christ, means we now have the power to act differently than before.

That's the way out when even our failures drive us to God and we know that as the prodigal son's loving father, He is patiently waiting for us to come home to Him.

The Law is powerless to produce righteousness, it can't make us good, it can only demand from us but it can't enable us.

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The legal requirement of the law is that in order to receive blessing from God, we have to be as good as God is and God is perfect righteousness.

There can be no compromise of attributes in the function of the the essence of God.

What righteousness rejects, justice condemns and when divine righteousness accepts or approves, divine justice blesses.

The justice of God administers what the righteousness God demands.

At salvation, perfect righteousness is imputed so that at maturity, the blessings from the justice of God are imputed.

God supplies through living grace support,

the necessary biblical truth and the filling of the

Holy Spirit through recovery to provide the completion of a real imputation of divine blessings.

We can't keep the Law by keeping the Law; we can only keep the Law through the filling of the Holy Spirit and daily learning, meditating on and applying biblical truth, leading to spiritual maturity.

Spiritual maturity completes the divine requirement stated in the Law and divine justice can only bless perfect righteousness.