

Romans # 107

“Raised to New Life in Christ”

Romans 8:9-10

A person’s love for another person is no stronger than the character of the person who initiates the love.

If the person is weak, you have nothing because love is no stronger than the person who declares it.

When Jesus Christ loves someone, that love is perfect because the One who declares it is perfect.

We are imperfect, we cannot love perfectly, so His love for us does not depend upon our love for Him.

We cannot love Jesus Christ unless we know Jesus Christ and we cannot know Jesus Christ apart from biblical truth in our souls, so our most important function under the royal priesthood is daily learning, thinking about and applying the Word of God.

The prophecy of John 14:16-17 anticipates that the Jewish Age would be interrupted by the Church Age when the royal bride would be prepared for the Lord Jesus Christ on earth as the body of Christ, the royal priesthood that would live during the intensified stage of the angelic dispute.

The Holy Spirit indwells every believer permanently

for functional reasons now but also for the fact that we will always be royalty.

Our objective in this life is not simply to pray, be religious or socially involved in changing and whitewashing the devil’s world; our objective is to reach spiritual maturity, where Jesus Christ can be glorified.

So, in order to have fellowship and encouragement on the road to spiritual maturity, we are indwelt by the Lord Jesus Christ.

You, however are not in the realm of the flesh means while the unbeliever continues to be dominated by the sin nature, the ruler of human life, the believer through the baptism of the Holy Spirit is divorced from the sin nature and now free, no longer positionally under its domination.

The result is the great inner conflict in which the sin nature indwells the body, fighting against the Holy Spirit who also indwells the body and the battle ground is the soul, where both seek to influence.

It is impossible for the unbeliever to live the Christian way of life through his own talent or ability.

The Christian way of life is a supernatural way of life which demands a supernatural means of execution.

Therefore, anything the unbeliever can do or accomplish is not the Christian way of life.

The fact that we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and provided living grace support to be filled by the Spirit emphasizes grace provision for attaining our objective of spiritual maturity.

To whom much is given, much is expected and the Holy Spirit is given to the royal family of God in the Church Age with great expectation—advance to maturity.

'Because of sin' refers to the sin nature, our ex-husband because formerly, we as unbelievers were spiritually dead from birth, married to the sin nature but through salvation, the great divorce occurs and we are now separated from the sin nature as far as positional truth is concerned.

When the believer as the wife of Christ returns to the sin nature, the status is called death; that is operational death or being out of fellowship.

Everywhere we study in the Scripture, we always come back to the fact that the greatest thing that God did for us, was to give us His own perfection!

At the beginning of the grace pipeline is the justice of God and on the receiving end of the pipeline is the righteousness of God, so God's justice gives to His righteousness.

Since righteousness demands justice and the justice of God does what the righteousness of God demands, this pipeline is necessary for blessings from the justice of God to flow to the mature believer.

These blessings can be provided for the mature believer without any compromise to the attributes of God.