

Romans #108

“Growing Up Spiritually”

Romans 8:11-13

Promotion from God comes from executing the unique spiritual life of the Church Age and our spiritual gift functions under the filling and power of the Holy Spirit in relation to works and works do not advance us in the spiritual life.

God’s promotional system is different from man’s: James 4:10 ‘Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up.’

God promotes the humble, grace-oriented Christian and humility is not self-effacement or putting ourselves down.

Grace orientation comes through biblical inculcation; the process of learning, understanding and applying God’s Word, so we won’t withdraw from His truth under pressure or suffering.

The promoted believer is invisible hero with maximum historical impact in the Church Age toward people and angels.

Spiritual self-esteem with impersonal love produces fantastic thoughtfulness of others in being considerate, looking out for their comfort and welfare and being careful not to hurt their feelings.

Any attempt to build SSE from the attention of others results in confusion, frustration, emotion and arrogance.

Spiritual autonomy is an independence of peer pressure through continued application of God’s problem-solving techniques, bringing contentment, the basis for capacity for happiness and peace in every circumstance of life, whether adversity or prosperity.

Happiness begins in SSE, gains momentum in SA and reaches its peak in spiritual maturity.

SA is personal control of our lives, accepting our own limitations and at the same time knowing there are no limitations in the plan of God unless we reject His Word.

Every time we interfere and try to control someone else’s life, we lose control of our own life.

Dying is no problem as long as we lived our life in biblical truth as God provides the most wonderful dying blessings that are even greater than living blessings.

The Holy Spirit indwells us now as a down payment on our future resurrection body, the home for our future rewards.

The target of our future blessings is the resurrection body minus the sin nature and minus human good.

If God the Holy Spirit can sustain us in the devil’s world where Satan rules and where the sin nature is sovereign in life; since He indwells us to protect us, give us capacity for life and keep us in grace, then obviously He has a future relationship with us.

Since the Holy Spirit is the source and means of our walk, He’s the One who indwells us and creates our resurrection bodies in which we’ll stand before the Lord Jesus Christ for evaluation.

We are debtors because royalty has always had obligations that come with high rank. We have the highest rank in life because the moment we believed in the Lord Jesus

Christ, we were not simply born again but born into the royal family of God, so we have great obligation.

Divorce is similar to death and death means no further obligation on the part of the wife; in this case, the believer.

Carnality, which emphasizes the sin nature's trend toward sin is not the believer's sinning but the sinning believer's failure to recover by using God's grace solution.

Rebellion is the believer's rejection of the Word and his involvement with good and evil. *Having no obligation to the sin nature as ex-husband removes all obstructions to follow the policy of the new husband, the Lord Jesus Christ!*

The first option presented to the believer is rejection of recovery plus neglect of biblical truth resulting in varying stages of divine discipline.

When the sin nature dominates the believer, its trends result in sin, good and evil.

The believer following one or more of these trends enters into carnality through the function of human good but inevitably ends up in full-blown rebellion under the influence of evil.

Human good and any system of self-righteousness has to be renounced through recovery for the filling of the Holy Spirit and daily processing of biblical truth to stay away from the evils of self-righteousness, judging and trying to improve the world with good.

All blessing from God comes through the grace pipeline; no one ever receives blessing from God by being good.

This is living the new life of the royal family of God.

This is living a new life related to God's plan that completely eliminates preconceived notions of human good motivation.

This is to live life in union with the character of God rather than with our own concepts of human character.

All believers are tempted at some time to enter a program of human good, a deviation from true purpose in life.

Either we adjust to the justice of God or the justice of God will adjust to us.