
Wednesday Night GEL Group Online

We have in tonight's study from Romans 8, words of Scripture which are some of the most wonderful blessings we enjoy as believers. Some examples are, being free from God's condemnation, indwelt by God's own Spirit, adopted into His family, destined for resurrection and glory, and hope because of God's love for us. Whilst the Holy Spirit is not the central topic of Romans 8, Paul gives the Holy Spirit the key role in mediating to us the blessings of our new life. Tonight's study may look smaller in content but there is so much to understand from Paul's writings. I am looking forward to unpacking this verse by verse with you.

Let's pray and give thanks to God for His words of Scripture. After this let's read Romans 8:1-11

1. Since we are justified by faith in conjunction with our union with Christ, what is it we are set free from?
2. How did God do this? (Verse 3 and 4)
3. What has he condemned?
4. In verses 5-8, Paul presents a series of contrasts. What are they and what would you say were Paul's intentions leading to his conclusion in verse 8?
5. How would you describe Paul's use of the word "mind?" Could it be the basic direction of a person's will? How does this translate in our lives?
6. We see a shift in Paul's direction in verses 9-11. How would you define "in the realm of the Spirit?"

7. What is still subject to death and why?

8. Who then gives life and what are the results?

9. Hypothetical: You are engaged in conversation with someone who has an interest in various forms of spirituality. They are presently exploring a few different forms of religion and New Age ideology looking for clues and answers for some questions they are asking.
 - a) How could Romans 7 and 8 provide some good answers to some of their questions they are exploring?

 - b) What do you think some of their questions might be?

 - c) What are some of the questions you could ask them?

Let's conclude tonight with prayer.