

Profile: Free in Christ (Romans 8:1-11)

HOW?

Because of the finished work of Jesus Christ ...

- I will live free from the fear of judgment (8:1).
- I will live free of the law of sin and death. I will be free of any rules that would attempt to win my righteous standing before God or keep me holy before God.
- I will know that the law is good, but my flesh is the weak link in the law doing its work (8:2-4).
- I will cultivate an intimate, knowledgeable relationship with the Spirit (8:4b-11).
- I will learn to walk according to the Spirit (8:4b).
- I will learn to live according to the Spirit (8:5).
- I will set my mind on the things of the Spirit (8:5).
- I will enjoy life and peace as a result of my intimate relationship with the Spirit (8:6).
- I will submit to the instruction of God's word (8:7).
- I will be pleasing to God (8:8).
- I will receive affirmation of my relationship with Christ by the indwelling Spirit (8:9).
- I will enjoy a life of righteousness even though my body is dead because of sin (8:10).
- I will receive resurrected life even to my mortal body from the Father through the Spirit (8:11).

Profile: Filled by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26)

HOW?

Because of the finished work of Jesus Christ ...

- I will walk by the Spirit thus turning from the desires of my flesh.
- I will understand that even the seeming non-sinful desires of my humanity may conflict with the Spirit.
- I will not live under the demands of the law for my righteous life.
- I will walk by the Spirit and not fulfill the sinful desires of my humanity: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I understand that such a lifestyle leaves me out of God's inheritance.
- I (and those around me) will enjoy the fruit of the Spirit that God produces in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
- I will put my old life to death, putting all things to rest whether good or bad, and lay my life before God as a sacrifice.
- I will maintain my intimate relationship with the Spirit, and so I will not become conceited, and I will not provoke or envy the people around me.

How Do We Live by "the law of the Spirit"?

- (1) **DECLARATION:** God restates our full and complete justification in Christ Jesus, 8:1.
 - Response: I believe and accept what God tells me.
- (2) **EXPLANATION:** God did what the law could not do in preparing us to receive his righteousness, 8:2-4.
 - Response: I study the Scriptures to understand what God has done. Then I believe and accept.
- (3) **DIAGNOSTICS:** God gave us identifiers in Scripture that reveal whether or not we trust his work, 8:5-10.
 - Response: I trust God's work and run the diagnostics in my life.

CONCLUSION: God affirms our total victory, 8:11.

- Response: I draw courage, rest and peace from the promised victory.



"NO Condemnation" ...

- "Condemnation" is the opposite of justification and justification implies the absence of condemnation. Since the justification which is the theme of this epistle is the complete and irreversible justification of the ungodly, it carries with it the annulment of all condemnation (John Murray).

