



Salvation And Sin (Part 4)

Romans 8:1-39

#11 in a series on Romans

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In Saving Us By His Grace Through Faith ...

God Has Given Us A New Freedom From Sin And Death.

1. By sending Jesus Christ. (3-4; cf. John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:9-10; 1 Peter 3:18)
2. By the law of the Spirit of life. (2; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:11; 12:13; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30)
3. By fulfilling the requirement of the Law in us. (4; cf. 8:30; 5:1-2; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:11)

God Has Given Us A New Nature.

1. Now there is no condemnation. (1; cf. 3:23; 6:23; 5:16, 18)
2. Now we are according to, in and alive to the Spirit. (5, 9, 10; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Timothy 1:14)
3. Now we are led by the Spirit. (14; cf. Galatians 5:16, 18 [16-26])
4. Now we are the sons, the children of God. (14, 15, 16; cf. John 1:12-13; Galatians 3:26; 1 John 3:1)
5. Now the Holy Spirit affirms that we are God's children. (16)
6. Now we are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ. (17; cf. Colossians 1:12-14; Titus 3:5-7; 1 Peter 1:3-5)
7. Now we will be glorified with Christ. (17, 30)
8. Now we have a new perspective on suffering. (18; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 1 Peter 4:12-13)
9. Now we have the Holy Spirit and Christ interceding for us. (26-27, 34)
10. Now we have a certain, joyful security. (28-39)

God Has Given Us A New Responsibility.

1. The obligation to live by the Spirit. (12-13; cf. Galatians 5:16-26)
2. Wait eagerly with hope for the redemption of our body. (23-25, 11; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:2-4; 1 John 3:2-3; 1 Corinthians 15:42-58; Philippians 3:20-21)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. In chapters 6-8 the apostle Paul writes about salvation and sin based on the wonderful truth of justification by God's grace through faith. Chapter 8 draws conclusions from earlier in this section, and parts of the entire letter to this point. Read 8:1-39 (several times if you have the time) to get or refresh the overall picture.

Tuesday. In saving us by His grace through faith God has given us a new freedom from sin and death. As you review the three points of this we covered on Sunday, think about God's great love, Christ's humility and sacrifice for you and what your freedom in Christ means in light of this. How can you keep from taking this for granted? Thank God now for your freedom in Christ.

Wednesday. When you accepted Christ as your Savior, God gave you a new nature. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." One Sunday we quickly walked through nine aspects of this new nature. Were there any new insights for you? Thank God for all that He has made you and given you in Christ.

Thursday. While Paul has not yet begun writing about the practical implications of the gospel for how we live, he touches on two in this chapter. What does it mean to live by the Holy Spirit? Is this your conscious and consistent pattern? Are you anticipating, longing for Christ's return and the redemption of your body? These *responsibilities* should be joyful realities for every Christian.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at chapter 9. Paul's emphasis changes as he looks at Israel and God's sovereignty. Read and think through the chapter in preparation for our time together.