

Life in Christ
Lesson #18
Romans 8:1-27

In chapter 7, Paul shared that even after being an apostle for many years, there was still a constant struggle in his life with his sin nature. He longed to live a life of obedience and doing what was right, but that old sin nature kept drawing him back. Although his sins had been forgiven, Paul knew as long as he had breath, there would be that ongoing battle with sin. He wrote, *"What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!"* (Romans 7:24, 25a)

Deliverance – Romans 8:1-11

1. Paul stated that there are two *"laws"* at work. What are the two laws? (Romans 8:2)

2. Even though those who are believers in Christ continue to struggle to overcome sin, what is the good news? (Romans 8:1)

3. How is that possible? (Romans 8:2)

4. Paul explained that the law (given by God through Moses) could not, indeed was powerless to save us. Using verses 3 and 4:
 - What gets in the way of the law?

 - What did God do to resolve this situation?

 - How did that fulfill the requirements of the law?

 - What difference did that make in the lives of those who believe in Jesus Christ?

5. How did Paul explain the difference between those who live according to the sinful nature as opposed to those who live with the Spirit?

Reference	If their minds are controlled by the sinful nature	Or Spirit led
Romans 8:5		
Romans 8:6		
Romans 8:7		
Romans 8:8		

6. If someone has put his faith and trust in Jesus Christ, then the Spirit of God lives in that person. What did Paul say should be the evidence of that in one's life? (Romans 8:9a)

- What if that is not the case? (Romans 8:9b)

7. Paul then wrote of the good news for all who are in Christ. What did he say in verse 10 about:

- Your physical body?
- Your spirit?

8. What guarantee did Paul give for this? (Romans 8:11)

Children of God - Romans 8:12-17

9. Because the Spirit of God lives in you, what was Paul's "therefore" comment? (Romans 8:12)

- Why? (Romans 8:13)

10. What powerful reminder did Paul add about those whose lives are led by the Spirit of God?
 - Romans 8:14

 - Romans 8:15
11. What proof does a believer have that validates Paul's words? (Romans 8:16)
12. Using Paul's "if - then clause," what does that mean for all believers? (Romans 8:17)

Reflect:

Paul wrote of the reality of life for those who put their faith and trust in Christ. Using Romans 8, 1 - 17, make a list of benefits every believer enjoys.

Take a moment to thank Him for these privileges and blessings.

Future Hope - Romans 8:18-25

13. Review what Paul had already endured because of his relationship with Jesus Christ as he related in his letter in 2 Corinthians 6:3-10. What was Paul's attitude toward his present sufferings? (Romans 8:18)
14. What did he write about creation? (Romans 8:19)
 - Why? (Romans 8:20)
15. What was Paul referring to? (Genesis 3:17-20)
16. What is the hope of all creation? (Romans 8:21)

17. What picture did Paul draw to explain creation's current state? (Romans 8:22)
18. Enlarging that picture, using Romans 8:23, who else did Paul include in that current state?
 - What is the expected end?
19. Why is this hope so crucial to the believer? (Romans 8:24a)
20. Because this hope is still future, even for us today, what words of encouragement did Paul give regarding hope? (Romans 8:24b – 25)

Prayer – Romans 8:26-27

21. What does the Spirit do for us? (Romans 8:26a)
22. What is one way that is expressed? (Romans 8:26b)
23. What glorious truth did Paul reveal about how the Spirit works in the life of the believer? (Romans 8:27)