

Sermon Study Guide

The Roman Road - Life in the Spirit Part II

Overview

The book of Romans was written by the Apostle Paul. It is a treasure of Christian doctrine and theology, the clearest and most systematic presentation of Christian doctrine in all the Scriptures. Paul had never been to Rome when he wrote the letter to the church located there, though he had clearly expressed his desire to travel there in the near future.

The new life we have is in the Spirit of God. We have passed from death to life. Fear is removed and we are made free from the bondage of this world, caused by sin. We become children of God, heirs of His kingdom. God works in our lives in glorious ways and we become conquerors, nay, more than conquerors.

Scripture

Romans 8:14-39

Examination - The best way to use this section is to discuss with others in a Bible study

1. The life in the Spirit makes all things new
 - a. We are made alive. The Spirit quickens our spirit and brings us from death to life. Romans 8:6,10-11
 - b. We are no longer enemies of God and hostile toward Him but at peace (both positionally and in our spirit) Romans 8:6; Romans 5:1, 10
 - c. We are no longer slaves to sin and fear but are set free from all of the bondage of this world. Romans 8:15, 21
 - d. We no longer walk this earth as miserable orphans but are made children of God and joint heirs with Jesus. Romans 8:14-167
2. Life in the Spirit gives us a new future. We have a future in glory in the full presence of God. The Spirit keeps us looking forward to our future glory in hope and patience. Romans 8:18-21
3. Life in the Spirit gives us strength and power. We face suffering and persecution, but we do not face it as victims but as more than conquerors. When we allow the Spirit to change our nature and its desires we experience victories. We want what God wants and absolutely nothing can stop that from being fulfilled in our lives. Romans 8:26-39
4. Life in the Spirit is a continuous process of growth. While we have an indescribable future ahead of us, the life in the Spirit has already started. Romans 8:18-25, 29-30

Practical Application - discuss these items with others, perhaps in a bible study together

1. What do you think it means that we are dead in sin but the Spirit gives us life? How can we be dead if we are walking around, talking to people, doing things, etc? If we are alive in the Spirit, what real difference is there in us before and after the Spirit?
2. How does our new life in the Spirit impact suffering and persecution in our lives? NOTE: define the difference between suffering and persecution.
3. Discuss with someone how we have new life in the Spirit and yet we are growing at the same time. What do you think God intends for us to become (hint: not just in this world but in our future world)?