Romans Lesson 14

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INTRODUCTION

- Romans chapter 8 is the high point of the Bible, because it opens with the fact that there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus, and it closes with a statement that there is no separation from the love of God.
- There's an attitude we must have, … to have the mind of Christ. It's an attitude of obedience.

1 Two Laws at War

Romans 7:21–25; Galatians 5:16–17; Ephesians 4

- He's just simply saying there's this battle going on. And do we walk after the flesh?
- For the flesh lusteth against the spirit, the spirit against the flesh. And these are contrary, the one to the other.
- We can choose which law controls. We walk after the Spirit by following the Word of God. We feed our heart with the Word of God.

2 There Is Therefore Now No Condemnation

Romans 8:1–4; Romans 3:23–26; Isaiah 53:4–5

- There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.
- Now, this is not a text to say, once saved, always saved… One can turn his heart against the Lord.
- Not by perfect law keeping, because none can do that, but through Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness.
- Law demanded justice, and justice said the penalty of sin had to be paid. But in Jesus Christ, that law has been satisfied.

3 Carnally Minded Is Death, Spiritually Minded Is Life

Romans 8:5–13; Proverbs 23:7

- For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- To be carnally minded means to be fleshly minded. To have the attitude, I'm going to do what I want to do.
- Really, the question should be asked with what is your mind preoccupied.
- We have to make up our minds. And if you've decided in your heart to live just to gratify the fleshly lust, you can't live for Christ. You can't be both.

4 The Mind of Christ: To Obey God

Hebrews 5:8–9; Philippians 2:5–8; Galatians 2:20

- If you have the mind of Christ, if you have the Spirit of Christ, well obey.

- Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.
- It is by grace on God's part that He's provided the means of salvation. But we have a part in it, and that is to walk by faith.
- Saved by the grace of God, yes, but only if we have the mind of Christ that seeks those things above and puts on a new lifestyle, obeying God's will.

5 Led by the Spirit, Sons and Joint Heirs

Romans 8:14–17

- For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- All the gold and silver and the precious jewels does not even begin to compare with the inheritance that is from God.
- It is not just a mystical feeling that is emotional somewhere within our heart. We can know whether or not we're led by the Spirit of God.

6 The Spirit Beareth Witness With Our Spirit

Romans 8:16; Romans 10:17; 1 John 2:3–5

- The Spirit of God to dwell in one is accomplished by having obedience to the Word of God.
- Faith doesn't come by some miraculous infusion of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, but rather by the hearing of the Word of God, revealed by the Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit bears witness through the revealed word.
- Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.
- We mutually come to agreement that here is God's will revealed by the Spirit, and I'm willing to obey it.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you obeyed the word of God?**

MY NOTES