

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17



Announcements



- **Welcome to the MOB!** Website: www.ibcmob.net
- [The Conquer Series: Battle Plan for Moral Purity, Wednesdays, January 10 - February 7, 2018, 7:00 PM, Matthew Place, POC: Pastor Tom Joyce](#)
- [Women's Coffee House "Evening of Grace" February 2, 2018](#)



Memory Verse



Romans 8:11 (NASB)

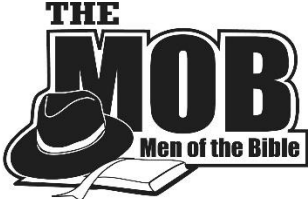
But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

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Romans

Outline



Focus	Revelation of God's Righteousness			Vindication of God's Righteousness			Application of God's Righteousness	
	Reference	1:1 – 3:20	3:21 – 5:21	6:1 – 8:39	9:1-29	9:30 – 10:21	11:1-36	12:1 – 13:14
Division	Need for God's Righteousness	Imputation of God's Righteousness	Demonstration of God's Righteousness	Israel's Past: Election	Israel's Present: Rejection	Israel's Future: Restoration	Christian Duties	Christian Liberties
	Topic	Sin	Salvation	Sanctification	Sovereignty			Service
Doctrinal							Behavioral	
Location & Time	Probably written in Corinth (Greece) around 57 AD							



Last Meeting



Key Thoughts :

- While Romans 6 reflects how we died to sin, Romans 7 provides the application of the Law in our lives and contrasts the role and value of the Law with the evil nature of sin

Scripture:

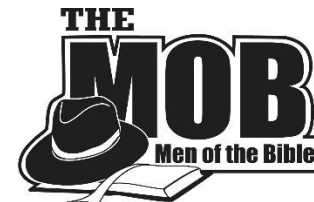
- [Romans 7:1-25](#)

Encountering the Book of Romans

Chapter 11, "Freedom from the Law,"
pages 103 - 113



This Meeting



Key Thoughts :

- The law cannot condemn believers, who are in Christ
- The Holy Spirit empowers us for life and peace
- We are to live as debtors to Christ

Scripture:

- [Romans 8:1-13](#)

Encountering the Book of Romans

Chapter 12 “Life and Hope through the Spirit: Life,”
pages 115 - 119



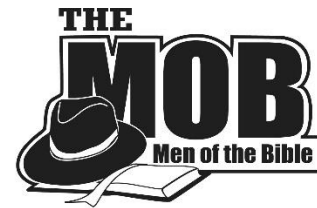
Romans 8:1-13 (ESV)



¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



Romans 8:1-13 (ESV)



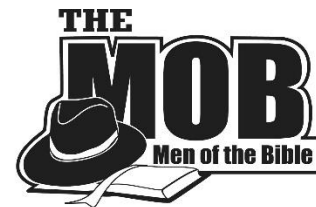
⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.



Romans 6

Grow in Sanctification



Observation: Sanctification is our cooperative growth in the Spirit, producing holiness

- ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.
- ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Interpretation:

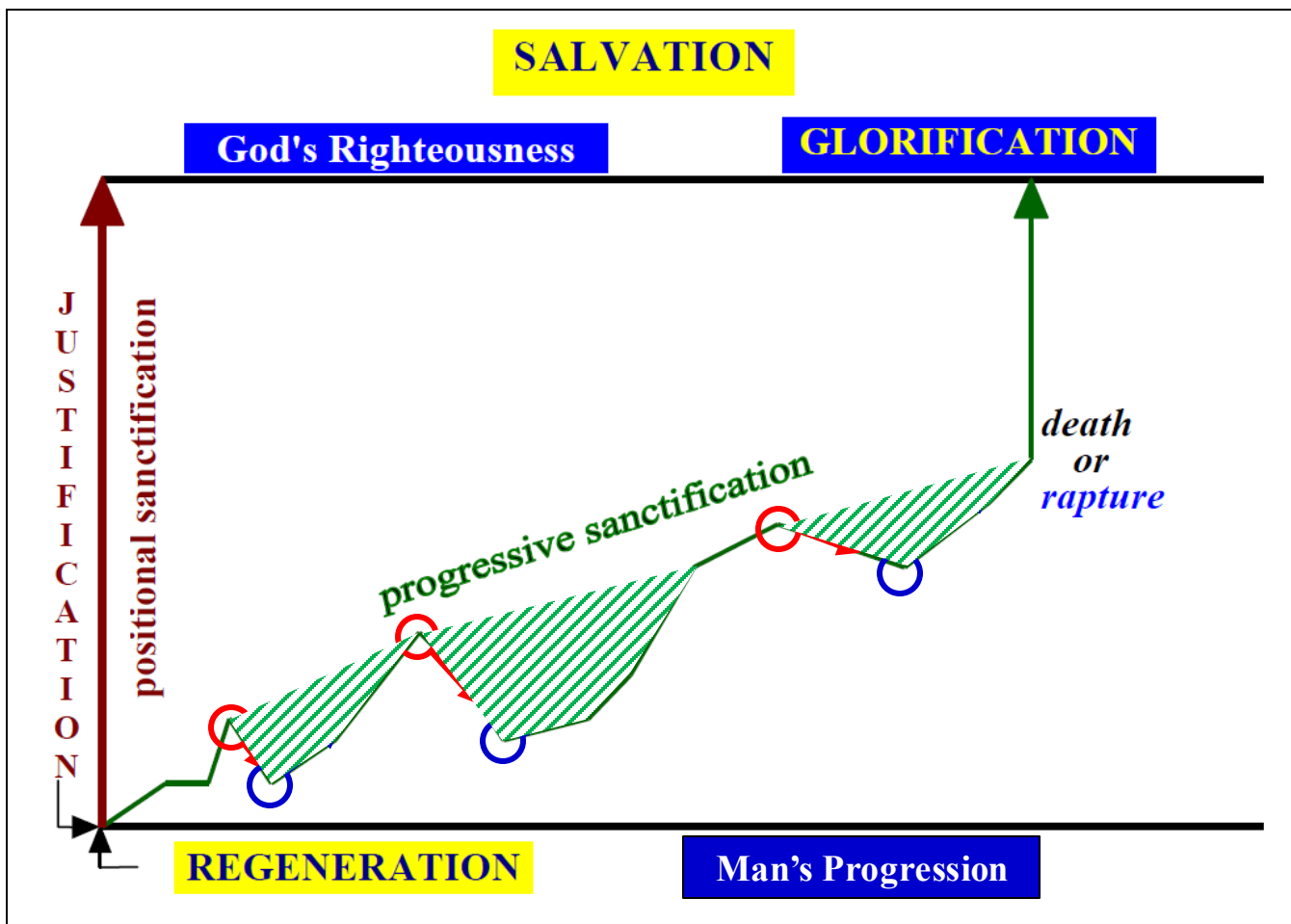
- Justification is for us;
sanctification is in us.
- Justification declares the sinner righteous;
sanctification makes the sinner righteous.
- Justification removes the guilt and penalty of sin;
sanctification removes the growth and power of sin.

(J. Vernon McGee, *Reasoning through Romans*, 1981; in Constable)



Romans 6

Grow in Sanctification



Thomas Constable: *Notes on Romans*, 2017



Romans 7

The Law



The Law: g3551 *nómos*; a law, the Mosaic Law

Paul's introduction on Romans often casts it in a negative role*

1. *Makes us conscious of our sin (3:20)*
2. *It cannot justify (3:28)*
3. *It stirs up wrath (4:15)*
4. *It increases trespass (5:20)*
5. *It is contrary to grace (6:14-15)*
6. *Arouses sinful passions (7:5)*

Paul's expanded argument complements the Laws role and contrasts it with sin

1. *The Law is not sin (7:7)*
2. *The Law is holy (7:12)*
3. *The Law is good (7:13, 16)*
4. *The Law is spiritual (7:14)*
5. *It is the Law of God (7:22,25)*
[Matthew 5:17-18](#) (14+14+14)

*Moo, 104-105



The Law in Romans

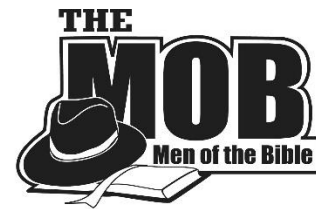


Six different usages of nomos (νόμος) in Romans:

1. Any recognized principle in operation whether moral, civil, or natural-law in its broadest sense;
2. The whole revealed will of God regulating conduct whether written or unwritten-any moral law;
3. The revealed will of God, with particular reference to the Mosaic law in its quality as law;
4. Mosaic law specifically, including the ten commandments, though not necessarily excluding always the other portions of the Old Testament;
5. The whole Old Testament specifically;
6. Any sphere of rule or domination.



No Condemnation and Walking in the Spirit



¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Observation 1: Paul reiterates that those in Christ have no condemnation.

Interpretation 1: Through Christ, we are not condemned, but sin is.

“Jesus, through his sacrificed body pronounced judgment on sin and its power.”*

Observation 2: Paul uses “the law” in various ways:

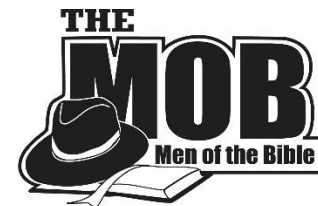
- Law of the Spirit of Life: *the sphere/dominion of the Holy Spirit*
- Law of sin and death: *the domination of sin over an unbeliever*
- What the law...could not do: *the Mosaic law’s limitation*
- Requirement of the law: *the Mosaic law’s penalty and judgment*

Interpretation 2: “The law could pronounce judgment, but could not execute sin.”*

***Moody Bible Commentary**



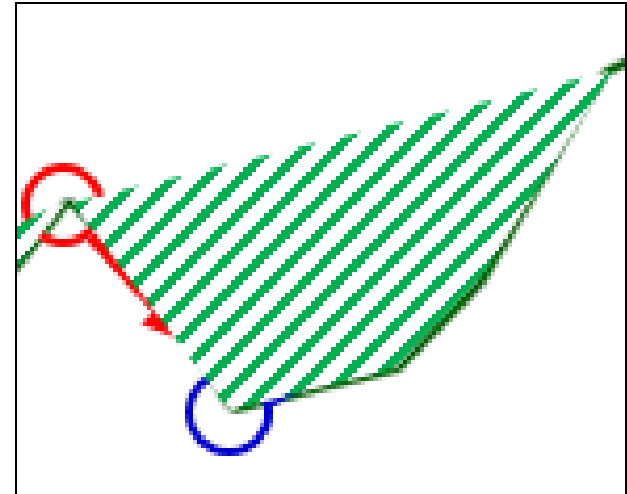
Sin and Death? Or Life and Peace?



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Observation: Paul continues to illustrate the difference between a carnal (flesh) life, and a life in the Spirit.

Interpretation: This passage serves as a “guardrail” for believers to forsake the ways of sin and death, and to continue yielding to and following the Spirit.



The Spirit brings life and peace!



The Holy Spirit Gives Us Life



⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Observation: Paul illustrates the contrast using the triune nature of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

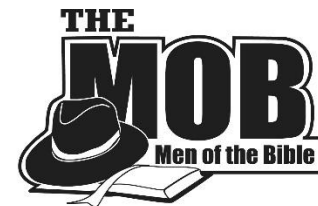
- You, however, are...in the Spirit
- The Spirit of God dwells in you
- Who does not have the Spirit of Christ...
- If Christ is in you...the Spirit is life
- The Spirit of him who raised Jesus
- His Spirit who dwells in you

Interpretation: “Because of God’s imputed righteousness, a believer is alive spiritually. The eternal, spiritual life of God is implanted by the indwelling Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ here and now, even though a believer’s body is mortal.”*

****Bible Knowledge Commentary***



Sanctification: Living by the Spirit



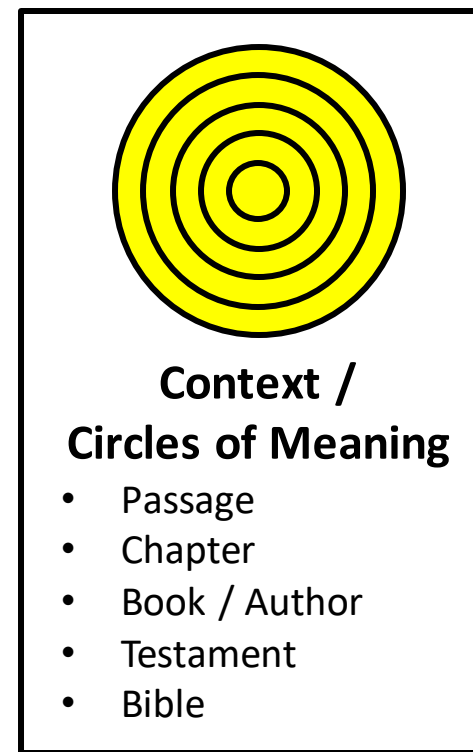
¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Observation 1: Paul says we (the original audience of believers, him, and us) are not debtors to the flesh and sin, but he omits who it is we are actually debtors to.

Interpretation 1: Paul uses a rhetorical technique here, surrounded by the context of the rest of the passage: We are debtors to Christ, who bore our punishments and judgment for our sin.

Observation 2: Living by the flesh is morally frustrating, corrupt, and unworthy of Savior and Master. Living by the Spirit is life!

Interpretation 2: Sanctification is “an ongoing work in the lives of Christians that is performed by the power of God’s Spirit. God provides the power, but believers must provide the faith.”*



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Aspects of Application



P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E. (30x5)

- What promise should I claim?
- What relationship should I work on?
- What attitude should I adjust?
- What condition should I meet?
- What trespass (sin) should I confess?
- What imperative (command) should I do?
- What challenge should I face?
- What example should I follow?

S.P.E.C.S. (FoF)

- What sin to forsake?
- What promise to claim?
- What example to follow?
- What command to obey?
- What stumbling block to avoid?

What's the "Big Idea" for application?



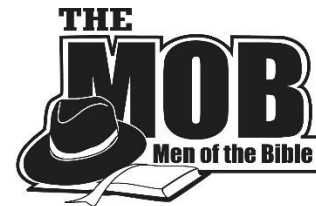
Discussion & Application



1. What must happen for a person to be “in Christ Jesus”?
2. What is the mindset of the Spirit, and how can you have it?
3. Can you have a mindset of the Spirit and the flesh at the same time? What does [Romans 7:24](#) tells us about that? What does [Romans 7:25](#) say?
4. How can the Spirit of Life give life to your spirit?
5. What does it mean to be indebted to Christ?
6. Discuss Moo’s points (p. 118) about a believer’s
 - Position
 - Mind-set
 - Lifestyle



Next Meeting



Life and Hope through the Spirit: Adoption

Review:

- [Romans 8:1-13](#)

Study:

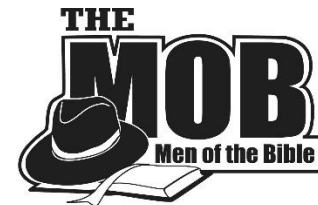
- [Romans 8:12-17](#)
- [Matthew 3:1-12](#) or [Luke 3:1-9](#)
- [John 8:31-47](#)
- *Encountering Romans* Chapter 12, pages 119-120



Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer



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