

# **The Spirit Living In You**

## **Romans 8:1-4**

Introduction: New Life with Spirit – Fruit of the spirit

Old Life without Spirit – the desires of the Flesh

### **Therefore.... No Condemnation – Romans 8:1**

“Therefore” means that based on everything we learned in the previous chapter(s)...

You are not condemned.... Even though you deserve to be condemned...

1. Being unwilling to forgive yourself, leads to work-based salvation. “I should have known better....”
2. Guilt that leads to shame can lead to addiction. Breaking the cycle of addiction involves breaking the feelings of shame.

### **For Those Who Believe in Christ – Romans 8:2**

Law of the Spirit is the Subject.

Freedom from the Law of Sin and Death is the action.

Chapter 7 describes what it is like when we try to live on our own abilities. (will power)

Chapter 8 describes what it is like when we live by faith.

### **The Failure of the Law and Divine Action – Romans 8:3-4**

1. The Law was good, but the flesh was weak.
2. The Law was doomed to fail, because it could not change the human condition.
3. Foundational theology included in these verses
  - Jesus, the son of God, became Human. Because fully human he understood what it felt like to be tested. Because he was fully God, he did not sin.
  - Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice. (One time) Being in the flesh, allowed God to condemn sin with the sacrifice of his Son.
  - Those who believe in Christ are righteous. (Made right with God)
  - Our Faith allows God’s spirit to live in us.

Jesus mission was to deal with the sin problem so you could relate with his Father!!!

## Questions to Consider

Read Galatians 5:19-21. How does Paul describe the acts of the Flesh? What are included in these verses that are in addition to the opposite characteristics that were mentioned in the video?

What does a world or a country without followers of Christ look like?

How can things that are essentially good or good ideas get misused for bad things? Why?

What are some incorrect beliefs that many believe was the purpose of Jesus was on this Earth?

What helps you to stay focus on living in the spirit vs. focusing on living in your Flesh?

Can a person live in the Flesh and still be a Christian?