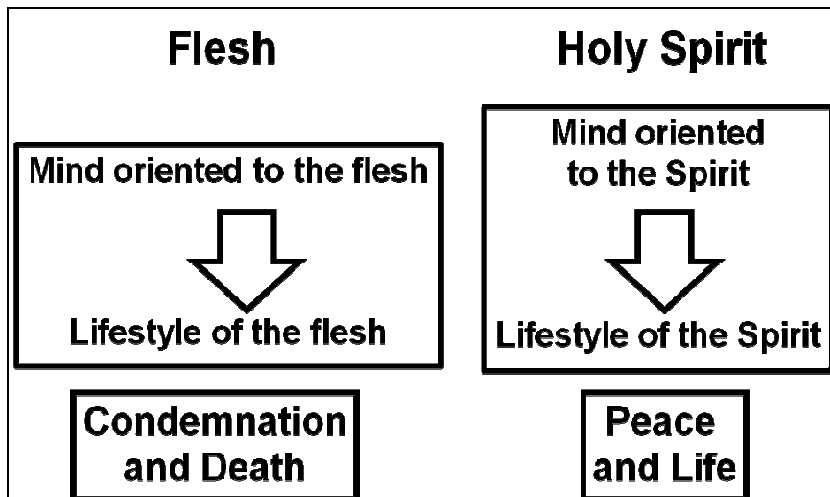
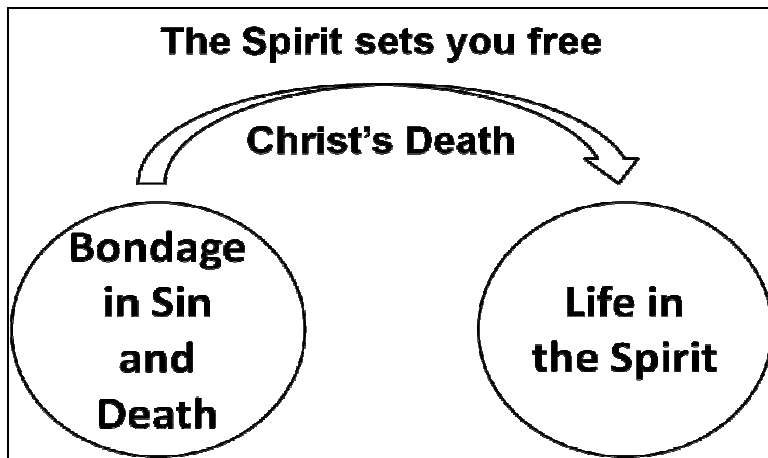


Belonging to Jesus: “Confident Christian Living”
Romans 8:1-13

Several weeks ago I introduced a plan to help us become more like Jesus. This plan is an important guide to focus our thinking and our living. The plan looks like this:

- Look at the cross: Remember and Celebrate the Cross and your Conversion
- Look to the Kingdom: Confidently and eagerly hope for completion of salvation and Perseverance in present sufferings
- Be empowered by the Spirit: CPR living (Consider myself dead to sin and alive to God; Present myself to God; Resist the influence of sin)
- Follow Jesus, arm in arm with each other
- Reach the World

This week we are going to focus on the work of the Spirit in our lives that leads to a deep sense of confidence that what God has started, He will complete. This confidence, in turn, calls for a response on our part.



Set my mind on . . .

By the Spirit put to death . . .

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help us in the process of becoming more and more like Jesus and ultimately to bring glory to God. The biblical principle is: The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Let's spend today in Romans 8:31-39. Identify what God has done for us in Christ. What are the threats mentioned? Is there anything that can separate us from the love of Christ/love of God?
- What does he mean that “we overwhelmingly conquer” all these things?
- What changes come about in our “mind-set” and our “lifestyle” based upon these truths? How does this impact our worship?
- What do we need to do today to make this passage very practical to our day to day lives?

Wednesday-Thursday

- Read Romans 8:1-13. How are the Father, the Son, and the Spirit involved in redemption (vv. 2-3)? How are the Father, the Son, and the Spirit involved in our hearts (vv. 9-10)?
- Look up the following verses and see if you can summarize the doctrine of the Trinity. There is one God (Romans 3:30; 1 Cor. 8:4-6; James 2:19). Jesus is God (John 20:28; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:8). The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4).
- How does this impact our worship? Our thanksgiving? Our love of God?

Friday-Saturday

- How do the following verses help you develop a sense of assurance and confidence in the Lord? See Romans 5:9-10, 21; 8:1-4, 10-11, 28-30, 31-39. What plans does the Lord have for you? How are we to respond?
- What do you need to do to have your mind set on the Spirit? What will you focus on?
- What do you need to do to put to death the deeds of the body?
- Share with someone what you plan to do and ask them to hold you accountable.