



# GRACE-POWERED LIVING

## A Study of the Book of ROMANS

HOW TO KNOW IF YOU'RE REALLY SAVED  
Romans 8:1-14

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**Introduction:** Romans 8 is a favorite chapter of the Bible for many Christians. But beyond the literary beauty of this passage, we find important truths every believer needs to understand.

Romans 7:18-19, 24 <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. <sup>19</sup>For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?"

### I. Our Victory Over The Penalty Of Sin (Romans 8:1-4)

Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

#### A. "Condemnation"

Romans 8:3 "For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,"

#### B. "Now"

#### C. "No"

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### II. Victory Over The Power Of Sin (Romans 8:5-11)

Romans 8:9-11 “<sup>9</sup> However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. <sup>10</sup> And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> 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 indwells you.”

#### The Relationship Between the Holy Spirit and Christians

1. Those who do not **possess** the Holy Spirit are not Christians.

Romans 8:9b “But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”

2. Those who **possess** the Holy Spirit are Christians.
3. Those who possess the Holy Spirit will be **controlled** by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:10 “And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.”

Philippians 1:6 “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:5-9 “<sup>5</sup> For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, <sup>7</sup> because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so; <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”

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Romans 8:14 "For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

### A. Description of the Unbeliever (Romans 8:5-8)

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Romans 8:6 "For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,"

Romans 8:7 "Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so;"

### B. Characteristics of the Believer (Romans 8:9-11)

Romans 8:8-9 "8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him."

#### A Genuine Believer Is Alive To...

1. God
2. Scripture
3. Believers

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1 John 2:15 "Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Romans 8:10 "And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness."

### III. The Application (Romans 8:12-14)

Romans 8:12-13 "<sup>12</sup>So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – <sup>13</sup>for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

- A. Holiness is the **goal** for every Christian.
  
- B. Holiness is the result of **obedience** to God's laws.
  
- C. Holiness is a **cooperative** effort between God's Spirit and us.

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Conclusion