

Romans 8/Session 8
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Helpful summary in Expositor's Bible Commentary:

“Like chapter 5, it presents the blessings of the justified life, grounded in the removal of condemnation. Like chapter 6, it stresses freedom from the bondage of sin and ultimately from the bondage of death. Like chapter 7 it deals with the problem of the flesh, finding the solution in the liberating and productive ministry of the Spirit. The chapter begins with instruction, rises to consolation and culminates in jubilation. This is high and holy ground indeed for the Christian pilgrim to tread.”

Key words:

Spirit – 21x, more than any other NT chapter and the rest of Romans combined
Flesh – 12x in first 13 verses, then never again!

Road Map:

- IV. The Impartation of God's Righteousness (6:1-8:39)
 - A. Sanctification and Sin (6:1-23)
 - B. Sanctification and the Law (7:1-25)
 - C. Sanctification and the Spirit (8:1-30)
 - 1. Our Uninterrupted Power Supply (vv. 1-11)
 - 2. Our Dual Obligation as Sons (vv. 12-17)
 - 3. Our Groaning within Ourselves (vv. 18-25)
 - 4. Our Pure Comfort Amidst Groaning (vv.26-30)
 - D. Sanctification and Eternal Security (8:31-39)
 - 1. God is for us!
 - 2. God's justification trumps all future accusations
 - 3. Christ was condemned and raised for us
 - 4. Christ intercedes for us
 - 5. God's love in Christ is forever

Summary:

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit”, says the Lord of hosts. ZECH 4:6

Anonymous Poem:

Run, run and do, the Law commands
But gives me neither feet nor hands
Better news the gospel brings
It bids me fly and gives me wings.

The wind beneath those wings? God the Holy Spirit!

32 Facts about Every Christian, from Romans 8

1. I am no longer condemned.
2. I am free from sin and death.
3. I fulfill the requirement of the Law when I walk according to the Spirit.
4. I no longer set my mind on the things of the flesh.
5. I now set my mind on the things of the Spirit.
6. I possess life and inner peace.
7. I am friendly toward God.
8. I submit to the Law of God.
9. I please God.
10. I am in the Spirit and the Spirit is in me.
11. I possess the Spirit of Christ and so belong to Him.
12. My human spirit is alive because of Christ's righteousness.
13. I regularly put to death the deeds of my body by the Spirit.
14. I am a child of God led by the Spirit of God.
15. I am not afraid to die or slave to any fear.
16. I recognize God as my heavenly Father and cry out "Abba! Father!"
17. I know I am a child of God because the Spirit testifies to my spirit.
18. I am an heir of God and joint heir with Christ.
19. I currently suffer with Jesus in this life but will be glorified in the next.
20. I groan within myself, eagerly awaiting my bodily redemption.
21. I do not always know how to pray as I should.
22. I am currently being prayed for by the Holy Spirit.
23. I love God.
24. I am called according to His purpose for my life.
25. I was foreknown(loved) by God.
26. I was predestined by God to become like Jesus Christ.
27. I was called through the gospel and so I repented and believed.
28. I was justified by the Father, forgiven of all my sins and declared righteous in His sight.
29. I will be glorified by the Father.
30. I will freely receive all things because God is for me and not against me.
31. I am currently being prayed for by Jesus Christ.
32. I may experience problems, stress, persecution, starvation, lack of adequate clothing, extreme danger or a violent, bloody death, slaughtered like an innocent lamb, but I will overwhelmingly overcome all these things because nothing can separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!