

Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008**Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God****Mark Your Observations****Record Observations & Questions****Romans 8:12-25**

- 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.
- 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
- 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery
to fall back into fear,
but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"
- 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
- 17 and if children, then heirs—
heirs of God
and fellow heirs with Christ,
provided we suffer with him
in order that we may also be glorified with him.
- 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are not worth comparing
with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
- 19 For the creation waits
with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.
- 20 For the creation was subjected to futility,
not willingly,
but because of him who subjected it,
in hope
- 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage
to corruption
and obtain the freedom of the glory
of the children of God.
- 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together
in the pains of childbirth until now.
- 23 And not only the creation,
but we ourselves,
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly
as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons,
the redemption of our bodies.
- 24 For in this hope we were saved.
Now hope that is seen is not hope.
For who hopes for what he sees?
- 25 But if we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience. (ESV)

Review

A believer indwelt by the Spirit has the enablement to overcome sinful patterns. The starting point (as in chapter 6) is the realization of our present position—indwelt by the Spirit. The next “step” is not really a “step” but a crucial aspect. In order to allow the indwelling Spirit to work transformation through us, we must be in the process of forming our minds through the Word.

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Summary / Key Point



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