You Are Not in Flesh But in the Spirit

Brent Moody · Romans 8:1–17

INTRODUCTION

- In fact, the word spirit is used twenty-one times in Romans chapter eight.
- Everything in chapter 6, 7, and 8 connects to this the dichotomy of Adam and Christ at the end of chapter 5.
- Sin dominates and reigns, and death dominates and reigns in Adam. And grace and life reign and dominate and rule in Christ.

1 The Contrast Is the Point: No Condemnation

Romans 8:1–2; Romans 7:14

- When we compare what's happening here in chapter 8 and verse 1 with what preceded it, the contrast is the point.
- Man, in and of himself cannot get himself out of that slavery. That's what slavery is.
- If we could get ourselves out of sin of ourselves and by ourselves, we wouldn't need Jesus.
- The law does not die for you. The law does not mediate for you. The law does not advocate for you.
- Now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the spirit of life has set you free in Christ.
- He didn't free you to then for you to turn back and go be a slave again.

2 Christ Condemned Sin in the Flesh

Romans 8:3; 1 Corinthians 15:50

- Rather than sin condemning me, and rather than sin condemning you, Christ condemned sin.
- The flesh is the corruptible, sinful nature of man. That's how Paul uses that phrase, flesh.
- Spirit and flesh is not the comparison of material and non-material. It's more about orientation.
- There is assurance and hope and peace of mind for those who are in Christ.
- Hope is this idea that you expect this to happen because of the promises of God.
- Not because you've never sinned or you've never done anything wrong, but because you are in Christ, you're within his sphere or within his realm, and he claims you as his, now there is no condemnation.

3 Setting the Mind on the Things of the Spirit

Romans 8:5–8; Ephesians 5:10; Romans 12:2

- I cannot set my mind the way God wants me to set my mind if I'm in Adam.
- When you set your mind on the things of the Spirit, you will submit to God's law.

- Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. The opposite of that is if I'm in the spirit, I can please God.
- A life living according to the Spirit, with a mind set on the Spirit, submits to God's law, it pleases him.
- I see the things he did and the way he lived, and I want to be more like Jesus.

4 Guided and Led by the Spirit in Action

Romans 8:11; Romans 8:13–14

- God has given us his plan. He has sent his son, he's made all these things work, and it's on us to then follow his lead.
- By means of the Spirit, the same power that rose Jesus from the dead is also going to give life to my mortal body.
- If by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

5 The Spirit Confirms Our Sonship

Romans 8:15–17

- Slavery to God also, he says here, to kind of break the metaphor, involves sonship. It's so much more.
- The Spirit Himself bears witness with our Spirit, God's Spirit, with my Spirit, your Spirit, it testifies that we are his children.
- If we are children, we also share in the glory and the inheritance of our Father.

THE CHALLENGE

If you are living under the rule of sin this morning, you can change that. You can change that not by your own power and your own self-will, but by dying with Christ and being resurrected in newness of life.

MY NOTES