

ETERNAL LIFE IN A MORTAL BODY

This year's (2021) Easter lesson is taken from: (Rom.8:9-11) "He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

1. Paul opened chapter Eight of Romans establishing two doctrinal truths: (Rom.8:1-8).

- One regarding false teaching against grace salvation.
- One regarding where and how to set the mind regarding the Christian Way of Life

Pay attention to FOUR additional doctrinal points regarding the ministry of the Indwelling Holy Spirit. (2Pet.3:14-18).

***Our FIRST* doctrinal truth is "the Law of the Spirit of (eternal) Life."**

- (Rom.8:1-4) "**For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death**" (Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

***Our SECOND* doctrinal truth is "the Mind set on the Indwelling Spirit is not "set" on the flesh (Old Sin Nature)"**

- (Rom.8:5-8) The internal struggle is between the mind set on the flesh verse set on the Spirit because "Those in the flesh **cannot please God.**" (Rom.8:8; Gal.5:16-17)

2. Now Paul turns his attention to those who set their minds on the power of the Indwelling Holy Spirit over the flesh.

NOTE #2: Paul used four Greek markers (using the word "if") to teach four more important doctrinal truths regarding the ministry of the Indwelling Holy Spirit. All four Greek markers are all 1st Class Condition (if) = maybe. The 1st Class "if" (1cc) conditional clause also means that both the protasis (**if** clause) and apodosis, the (**then** clause) are important doctrinal TRUTHS.

Paul is giving doctrinal answers to (Rom. 8:8) "**Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.**"

Question: "Then how can a Church Age Believer please God?"

3. In the FIRST, 1st Class Condition (if) of (Rom.8:9a), Paul gave the apodosis (then) before the protasis (1st Class Condition) to emphasize a doctrinal point.

"However (1cc apodosis = then), you are **not** in the **flesh but in the Spirit (Gal.5:16-17), if (1cc protasis = and this is also true) indeed the Spirit of God dwells (oikeo) (p.a.ind.3ps) in you (en+locative of place/ su/ n plural m).**"

NOTE #3: (Rom. 8:9a) The Indwelling Holy Spirit takes up residence inside the Church Age Believer's body the moment of Grace Salvation (John 14:16-17; 1 Cor.6:19-20; Rom.8:9-11).

Paul put the 2nd (if) clause **first** to add a second doctrinal truth in (Rom. 8:9b): "But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he (houstos/ nsm) does not belong (ouk eimi/ p.a.nd.3ps) to Him (autos/ gsm/possessive genitive).

NOTE #4: (Rom.8:9b): "If anyone does have the Indwelling Holy Spirit, he/ she does **NOT** belong to God in Christ." (2 Cor.5:17; Jude 6; 1 Cor.2:14; 1 Cor.3:1-3)

Now Paul comes to the third 1st Class “if” clause in **(Rom.8:10): “If (1cc) Christ is in you, though (men) the body is dead because of sin [our position in Adam (Gal.2:20)], yet (de) the spirit (human spirit, small “s”) is alive because of righteousness (our position IN Christ (2 Cor.5:21).” (note the **men/de** sequence)**

Our THIRD doctrinal truth found in (Rom.8:10): “When the Indwelling Holy Spirit takes up residence in side the mortal body of a Church Age Believer, his/ her body is consider **dead to sin** (Adamic Sin Curse and our imputed Old Sin Nature) **yet** the human spirit is alive because the mortal body (being) **dead to sin is now the Holy of Holies** (The NAOS) (1 Cor.6:19-20) where God dwells because of God’s Righteousness IN Christ (1 John 3:5; 2 Cor.6:16).

Our FOURTH doctrinal truth is found in (Rom.8:11): “**But if (1cc) the Spirit of Him** who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells (oikeo/ p.a.ind.3ps) in you, (then) He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life (zoopoieo/ f.a.ind.3ps) to your mortal bodies (ta thnetos soma/ apln) through (dia+ablative of agent) His Spirit who dwells (enoikeo/ p.a.ptc.ablsn) in you (l.pl.m).**”

NOTE #5: The fourth additional doctrinal truth is the title of our lesson from (Rom.8:11) “**Eternal Life in a Mortal Body.**”

It is the Indwelling Holy Spirit that is the agent of **eternal life** in the (naos) body of a Church Age Believer, (John 14:16-17; 1 John 5:11-13).

Our lesson has taught you SIX doctrinal principles of

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