

Romans 8

Chapter Eight

"The Law of the Spirit of Life"

The deliverance Paul cried for in 7:24 has arrived in 8:1. The quality of life before regeneration of the religious has gruesome parallels, but the new man in Christ experiences great liberty. No longer condemned to die as the man bound to the corpse, for *there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit*. The law of sin brought bondage, but the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has worked great liberty!

Let us look at the nature of the "Law of the Spirit of Life."

1. Provides justification where the old law only condemned.
2. Works liberty where the old law only worked bondage.
3. It is a stronger law doing what the old law could not do in its weakness.
4. It has been made flesh and identified with sinful; the old law could only stand from a distance as a school master with pointed finger.
5. This law works righteousness in the Believer; the old law could only identify unrighteousness.
6. This life is subject to the law of God, whereas the flesh is not and cannot be for it is the enemy of God.

Let us look at the fulfilling of this "Life."

1. It is fulfilled in the one that walks not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
2. Also, in those that mind the things of the Spirit, and not the things of the flesh. *For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*
3. It is pleasing to God, but they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
4. If the Spirit of God dwell in you then is that life fulfilled for you are no longer in the flesh, but have the Spirit of Christ.
5. This life is not your own, but is Christ's life. Galatians 2:20 *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*
6. The fruit of this Life is righteousness. Christ in you makes your body dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
7. This Life is not debtor to the flesh, but to God to serve Him and obey Him.
8. This Life is fulfilled in mortifying the deeds of the body.

Vs. 14-30 Adoption

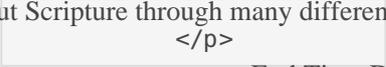
We are introduced here to a deeper concept which is adoption and the manifestation of the sons of God. We understand that every man is BORN into the family of God, so what is this adoption all about? Adoption has to do with the placing of sons. Sons are mature and fully developed. This thought combined with the *manifestation of the sons of God* speak of God's ultimate plan in salvation. He is desirous to have many sons like His only Son. We often refer to this plan as *End Time Salvation*. The following page explains this truth in further detail:

Salvation



End Time Salvation is God's **Defined** plan of salvation in its totality, salvation to the uttermost, of the whole man—body, soul, and spirit—which in time past was not an available provision because of the appropriateness of time. It is now made available to us living in the end times (or, *the time of the end*).

It is communicated throughout Scripture through many different thoughts. Listed below are some of the thoughts included in *End Time Salvation*:



- End Time Deliverance
- Apolutrosis: Complete State of Release
- Adoption: The Placing of Sons
- One Hundred Fold Christian
- Manifestation of the Sons of God
- Fully Mature Sons of God
- Perfect Man
- The Bride of Christ
- Overcomer
- Completeness of Personality
- Complete Sanctification
- Salvation to the Uttermost

Ephesians 4:13

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:"

OTHER REFERENCES: Matthew 6:33; Mark 4:20; Romans 8:15-23; Ephesians 1:13,14; Colossians 1:22; Hebrews 7:25; Rev. 3:21; 19:7.



I Peter 1:5 "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (*The signs surround us; we are in the "last time."*)

Revealed

I Corinthians 2:10 "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."



I Peter 1:10-12 "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."

Hebrews 11:39,40 "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

Luke 21:28 "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (*Apolutrosis*)