

Week 5 - Law, Liberty, License

Day 32

Read: Romans 7:15-8:17

This passage speaks of a new reality, that of our Spirit life. That we are controlled by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in us (as He does in every believer who has made Jesus Lord of their life). Why then do we feel like Paul, doing what we don't want to, and not doing what we want to?

Firstly, thanks Paul, for helping us in our struggle by sharing yours. Secondly, thank you for helping us see that the new reality exists, even if we don't see the fruit yet. Just because we are not living perfectly, doesn't mean that we haven't been made a new creation. Sin still exists; and in fact still exists in us. That is where Jesus Christ comes in, for though there may still be sin, Christ has carried the condemnation of that sin. For us to carry it would be rude! How could we, when Jesus went to such great lengths to do so?

Now, we simply continually give ourselves over to the control of the Holy Spirit. Not in some mindless new age transcendental way, but a conscious surrender, day by day, moment by moment. That is how we live in freedom.

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Question: Do you still do things you don't want to do?

Prayer: God, I don't want to simply get ok with behaviours that are not pleasing to You. Just because Your grace abounds, I do not want sin to abound. I want to walk in step with You Holy Spirit. Guide me and grace me to do Your will, in Jesus' name, Amen.