

Romans 8:1-17

Expositional Outline

1A The Freedom of Walking in the Spirit, vv.1-2:

1B There is freedom from divine discipline when you walk according to the Spirit, 1 There is now therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

2B There is freedom from the slavery of sin when you walk according to the Spirit, 2 For the law of the Spirit, of the life in Christ Jesus freed me from the law of sin and death.

2A The death of Jesus as the foundation for our walking in the Spirit, vv.3-4:

1B The death of Jesus is superior to the Law of Moses, 3 For impotence of the law, in that it was weak through the flesh, God after sending His own Son in likeness of the flesh of sin, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh;

2B The righteousness of the Law is fulfilled, based on the death of Jesus and our walking according to the Spirit, 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, not to those who walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

3A Fundamental Principles of Life and Thought, vv.5-8:

1B What we live for, we think about, 5 For those who exist according to the flesh think the things of the flesh; but those according to the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

2B What we think about determines the outcome of our lives, 6 For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace;

1C Thinking according to the flesh makes us enemies of God, 7 Therefore the mind of the flesh is an enemy to God, for it does not obey the law of God, for neither is it able.

2C Thinking according to the flesh makes us unable to be pleasing to God, 8 But those who are in the flesh are not able to please God.

4A The transformation of the indwelling of the Spirit, vv.9-11:

1B The indwelling of the Spirit is transforming, thus we know of His presence, 9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, this one is not of Him.

2B The indwelling of the Spirit is the very essence of Christ, and it is life, 10 But if Christ is in you, while the body is dead through sin, the Spirit is life through righteousness.

3B The indwelling of Spirit is life-giving according to the virtue-pattern of the life of Christ, 11 But if the Spirit who raised Jesus from death dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from death will make alive also your mortal body, through His Spirit who dwells in you.

5A The Obligation to Live in Freedom by the Spirit, vv.12-13:

1B The negative 12 Therefore, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh;

2B The outcomes, death or life, 13 for if you live according to the flesh you are about to die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

6A Freedom Benefit of Walking in the Spirit #1: Adoption, vv.14-17:

1B Walking in the Spirit results in adoption as sons of God, 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.

2B Our Adoption Cry, 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again unto fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, in which we cry, "Abba, Father."

3B The Adoption Testimony of the Indwelling and Life-giving Spirit, 16 The Spirit Himself fellow-testifies with our Spirit that we are children of God;

4B The benefits of adoption, 17 But if children, then heirs; heirs of God, as well as fellow-heirs of Christ; if indeed we co-suffer, that also we might be co-glorified.