
THE BOOK OF ROMANS pt. 2: A New Kind of Freedom Part 1

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We Were Not Created to Live in Defeat

I Can Choose to Live Free

1. Freedom Over the Guilt and Shame of My Past

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

If I Am in Christ, I Have Been Set Free from Guilt and Shame

“Freedom is what we have—Christ has set us free! Stand, then, as free people, and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again.” *Galatians 5:1, TEV*

2. Freedom Over the Weaknesses and Failures of The Present

⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Freedom Is Found in Living A “Spirit Fueled Life”

Christian Living Is Essentially Supernatural Living

1. Get My Life Style in Tune to The Spirit v4

2. Set My Mind on The Things of The Spirit v5

God Design for Me Is to Have a Spiritual Mindset

When My Mind Is Focused on The Spirit,
He Is Reordering My Mind

“Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind...” **Romans 12:2, TEV**

3. By the Spirit, I Must Put to Death the Activities of the Flesh v13

I Cannot Experience the Freedom of God if I Remain in
Bondage to The Things of The World

4. I Follow the Leadership of the Spirit v14

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.” **Romans 8:14, ESV**

The Spirit of God Always Desires to Give Life to Dead Lives

I May Struggle With _____ BUT ...
with Jesus I Can _____

