

# THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

Rom. 8

1. Rom. 8:1A: Positionally, there is no condemnation from God for those who are “in Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 8:32-34)
  
2. But in Rom. 7 Paul said he was under condemnation—  
Oh, wretched man that I am.  
--If this condemnation didn't come from God, where did it come from?
  
3. Rom. 8:1B: Experientially there is no condemnation for those who walk according to the Spirit not the flesh.  
--Corollary: If there is condemnation, it is not coming from God but from walking according to the flesh.

4. The key to the Christian life is NOT going back to the flesh through the Law but to continue on in the Spirit through Grace!  
--The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus is the only law that can overpower sin and death (7:25; 8:1-3)
5. The Christian Life cannot be lived out by the energy of the flesh. It needs the resurrection power and life of the Crucified Christ risen from the dead. (Eph. 3:14-21)
6. And only PAULINE GRACE teaches this. (Titus 2:11-15)

7. As we enter into Rom. 8, the “I” of the Law/Works/Flesh System of the Self disappears and is replaced with the “We” of the Grace/Faith/Spirit System whereby the believer is brought into the Life of the whole Triune Godhead and united to every other believer there (Rom. 8:1-11)
8. The “I” in reliance on the self and flesh that leads to defeat and despair disappears in Romans, and the Holy Spirit takes control, carrying all believers by Grace to God Himself. (Rom. 8:2)
9. The Spirit is introduced in Romans in Holiness, Life and Power, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who went from the son of David in Humility to being declared the Son of God in Power. (Rom. 1:4; Phil. 2:6-11)

5. Paul will develop each of these manifestations of the Spirit:
  - a. Holiness and Life: Rom. 6-8: God has set apart (holy, sanctified) believers by placing them into Christ and making them participants of His Death, Burial and Resurrection, separating them from Self, Sin, Death and the Law, bearing fruit unto holiness.
  - b. Power: Rom. 15: The Holy Spirit now powerfully works through the distinct apostleship of Paul.

5. And each one of things is present in the context of the most thing of all: **AGAPE LOVE**
  - a. The Holy Spirit's Ministry of Sanctification/Holiness in Rom. 6-7 flows out of Super-Abounding Love of God in Rom. 5:1-11.
  - b. The Holy Spirit's Ministry of Life in the beginning of Rom. 8 flows into the Infinite and Eternal Agape Love of God at the end (Rom. 8:35-39).
  - c. The Holy Spirit's Ministry of Power in Rom. 15:13-19 flows the mindset of Agape Love of Rom. 15:1-3 and into the Love of the Spirit in Rom. 15:29-32.