

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

Rom. 8

Pt. 4

1. Last time we looked at these aspects of the Ministry of the Holy Spirit today (Rom. 8:1-8):
 - a. Sanctification—set apart for God’s purpose, positionally and experientially (Rom. 5-7).
 - b. Life—brings us into the Resurrection Life of Christ, empowering us to walk in a way that pleases God (Rom. 8).
 - c. Power—He works powerfully today through Paul’s distinct apostleship (Rom. 15)
 - d. And Agape Love is the warp and woof of all that the Holy Spirit does because of the Righteousness of God demonstrated there. (Rom. 5:1-11; 8:35-39)

2. Rom. 8:1a: Our NO CONDEMNATION Position before God.

Rom. 8:1b, 4b: We can bring this Position into our experience.

Rom. 8:2: We can do this because God created a new law of the Spirit that leads to Life In Christ, which supersedes, overpowers, nullifies the law of sin and death in the flesh.

Rom. 8:3: This new law is made possible through Christ on His Cross where he took everything against us and dealt with it righteously, bringing us into the Righteousness of God Himself.

Rom. 8:4: Since we have been brought into the Righeousness of God through Christ in the Spirit, we never need to go the Law that demanded human righteousness but gave to power to produce it, bringing condemnation.

Rom. 8:5-8: The way we implement the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus is by “minding” the things of the Spirit, and we do that when we “mindset” of Christ and His Cross(Phil. 2:5)

Rom. 8:9-11: And when we follow the Mindset of Agape Love, the Spirit takes us from the truth of us being “IN CHIRST,” to the truth of Christ being “IN US!”
(Gal. 2:20)

3. This is the culminating Mystery Truth of Pauline Christianity. This is the ultimate purpose for God's Mystery Program for the Body of Christ: Its HOPE OF GLORY! (Col. 1:21-2:1)
--Christ living in and through us: This is not just something for the future when we get to heaven, but right now down here on this sin-cursed earth!
4. This is what unites us in service to all other believers in the Body of Christ. (Col. 2:2-7; 3:14-15)
5. This is what takes us from being "indwelt" by the Spirit to being FILLED (CONTROLLED) BY THE SPIRIT! It all begins with and continues to exist in the atmosphere of Agape Love. (Eph. 5:1-2, 8-10, 14-21)