

## Union with Christ in Sanctification Romans 8:1-17

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*Read the passage and pray that God's Spirit would enlighten the eyes of your heart.*

1. Who is the wisest person you know and what have they taught you about living well?
2. Paul uses the language "in Christ Jesus" in v.1, 2, and 10. According to Romans 6:1-11, what does he mean by this phrase?
3. What does "no condemnation" mean for the Christian? Paul spells this out more clearly in 8:37-39.
4. v.3 says that God has done what the law could not. What has God done? How has he done it? And why is it important that he did it in the way v.3 describes? What do each of the following phrases mean: "sending his own Son"; "in the likeness of sinful flesh"; "for sin"; "he condemned sin in the flesh."
5. What are the "righteous requirements of the law" and how are they fulfilled "in us" according to v.4? It might help to take a look once again at the promise of the relationship believers will have to the law according to the new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34).
6. Why do believers "walk according to the Spirit" (v.4) and what does that look like?
7. What does Paul tell us about those who live according to the flesh in vv.5-8? What sort of things do they focus their minds on according to Galatians 6:19-20?
8. Paul speaks a lot about the Holy Spirit in these verses. How can you set your mind on the things of the Spirit (v.5)? How does the Holy Spirit unite us to Christ according to v. 9? Do all Christians have the Holy Spirit, or only some according to v.9?
9. In vv.5-9 Paul has been speaking about how the Christian is filled with the Holy Spirit and therefore sets his mind on the things of the Spirit. In vv.12-17 Paul is going to speak about what the Holy Spirit enables us to do in this new life. How do vv.10-11 which speak about the resurrection fit into this argument?
10. Paul provides us with a battle plan to fight sin in vv.12-13. See if you can find: the warning; the person responsible for fighting sin; the enabling means to fight sin; the course of action we should take; the object of our action; the promise in the fight.
11. What is the relationship between being "sons of God" and "being led by the Spirit" in vv.14-16? How does this provide new identity; new courage; new relationship to God; and new assurance of salvation? How does one become a son of God? Take a look at John 1:12-13?
12. If we are heirs about to share in Christ's inheritance, why should we suffer in this life (v. 17)?

*Pray that God will enable you walk according to the Spirit.*