



ROMANS 1:16

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel
because it is the power of God for
the salvation of everyone who
believes –
first for the Jew, then for the
Gentile.”



UNASHAMED: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Romans 8:1-17

VS. 1

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”

Back to 5:1 **Fully** pardoned and at peace with God

Sin's penalty was paid by Christ and His righteousness was credited to our account

Vs. 2 'Law' here seems best understood as the controlling power. The Holy Spirit - who is Life - sets us free from the control of sin and death.

Vs. 3 The law's complete inability to save us and to deliver us from sin's penalty and its power

Hence, the Cross

John 3:16; Rom. 3:20-26; Gal. 3:21; Eph. 2:1-5



VS. 4

The righteous requirements of the law still exist (Again, Christ came not to abolish the Law but to fulfill it Matt. 5:17)

The Holy Spirit indwells every true believer (vs. 9) and empowers us to live lives pleasing to God (Acts 1:8) which increasingly display His fruit Gal. 5:22-23



VSS. 5-8

Sharp contrast between the saved and the unsaved:

The setting/desires of the mind (See Col. 3:1-17)

Fleshly desires vs. desires of the Spirit

Death vs. life and peace

Hostility to God vs. submission to Him



VSS. 5-8

Helps us understand (in our pre-Christ condition) why we couldn't "be good" no matter how hard we tried.

“(The sinful mind) is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.”

Why? It’s controlled by the sinful nature rather than by the Spirit of God



VS. 9-11

BUT

If you belong to Christ
you have the Spirit of Christ.

If the Spirit of God lives in you, (also 1 Cor. 6:19-20)
your life is under His control.



JUST LAST WEEK...

Remember our wonder at the empty Tomb?

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in the Blood-washed believer, making us able to live for His glory

Christ-follower, our excuses are hollow



VSS. 12-17

We have no obligation to the sinful nature.



“By the Spirit”

A power you didn't have before

“Put to death”

An ongoing active campaign against sin (6:11-14)

Matt 5:29-30

1 Cor. 9:24-27

2 Cor. 10:4-5

Eph. 6:10-20

The Spirit of God confirms our adoption as sons, and through the Spirit we can experience intimacy with:

Our Father

The Almighty God

God Most High, Creator/possessor of heaven & earth

The Lord our Provider

The Lord our Righteousness

The Lord, our tender Shepherd, etc.



CHILDREN OF GOD!

The Holy Spirit sets our hearts at rest in this knowledge.

John 1:12-13; 1 John 3:1

“Even when our hearts condemn us...” 1 John 3:20-24

And not only children, but joint-heirs with Christ