**The WALK of the Believer**

**Text: Romans 5, 6, 7, & 8**

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1. **Introduction: The STRUGGLE we go through in this life is a GROWING Processes. Not just the struggles that we have with OUTWARD things; Health; Finances; Relationships; Heart Breaks; etc.**

**The REAL Struggle is the ONE WITHIN … How do we deal with the INTERNAL STRIFE! The struggle between:**

**GOOD & EVIL; RIGHT & WRONG; SAVED & LOST; LIFE & DEATH?**

1. **The ANSWER to our STRUGGLE:**
2. **What is the REAL PROBLEM? … SIN- It all began with ADAM**

**Romans 5:12** “Wherefore, as by one man **sin** entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

1. **What is the ANSWER to our SIN PROBLEM? … GRACE through JESUS**

**Romans 5:19** “For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.”

**Romans 5:20** “That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1. **HOW do we RECEIVE the GRACE found in Jesus Christ? … BAPTISM**

**Romans 6:1-7 “**What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2**God forbid.** How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6Knowing this, that our **old man is crucified with him**, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7For he that is dead is **freed from sin**.”

1. **What do we do NOW? … Stop SINNING and LIVE RIGHT!**

**Romans 6:8-23** READ and show how NOW (after Baptism and “freed from sin”) we are to **LIVE RIGHT** unto **LIFE**!

1. **What is the PROBLEM with LIVING RIGHT? … we CAN’T!!!**

**Romans 7:14-24 *READ and show that we are “WRETCHED” in that we STRUGGLE TO LIVE RIGHT AND STOP SINNING in this “BODY”!***

***“…Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”***

1. **What’s is the ANSWER? … Jesus does not condemn those who are “IN CHRIST” and WALK (*live*) “*After the Spirit*” … Spiritually Minded!!!**

**Romans 7:25 – 8:1** *“I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. There is now no condemnation to them with are IN CHRIST, who WALK not after the FLESH but after the SPIRIT.”*

**Romans 8:5 – 14 “**For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”

1. **CONCLUSION:** We live in the FLESH and we STRUGGLE with the PROBLEMS that come in this FLESH … yet we KNOW the TRUTH … we KNOW that God’s WAY … is RIGHT! If we put it in our MIND to LIVE RIGHT and put these TRUTHS into our LIFE … we are Spiritually MINDED … If we Don’t then we are FLESHLY MINDED!

The FIRST STEP is to be IN CHRIST … If we REFUSE Baptism “into his death” we prove that we are NOT Spiritually Minded!

If you are Spiritually Minded and have never been baptized … you KNOW you should … don’t let PRIDE; SELFISHNESS; OTHER PEOPLE; etc. stand in your way … this is the FLESHLY MIND warring against you!

**OBEY THAT “FORM OF DOCTRINE” (*Baptism*) TODAY!!!**