



The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

August 4: Life in the Spirit

Romans 8:1-11

Is every Christian filled with the Holy Spirit? Baptized with the Spirit? When does this happen?

Acts 2:38 Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free- and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Romans 8:1-2

On what basis are we not condemned?

Galatians 3:22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Is Paul talking about the Holy Spirit?

How does Paul use the term “law” in verse 2?

By what law does Paul want us to live? What law will not work for us?

Romans 8:3

What could the law not do? Does Paul mean that Jesus is not fully human?

Docetism: an early Christian heresy suggesting that Jesus Christ only *seemed* to have a physical human body, meaning his flesh, suffering, and death were illusions.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:4-5

Does God demand the fulfillment of the law?

What does Paul mean by the contrast between flesh and Spirit?

What are the things of the flesh?

Galatians 5:16-21 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Romans 8:6-8

What does the mind set on the flesh bring?

What does the mind set on the Spirit bring?

Romans 8:9

What is true of “all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints” (Romans 1:7)?

^{NLT} **Romans 8:9** But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them are not Christians at all.)

Romans 8:10-11

What two indwellings do Christians experience? Did the Spirit raise Jesus from the dead?

Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle— not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead.

What is true of our bodies now? What is the final outcome for our bodies?