

ROMANS SERIES FOURTEEN
THE EXCHANGED LIFE
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Romans 8:1-4

REVIEW

Romans 8:1: *Therefore*: Whenever we see a *therefore* we must ask why it is there for. This *therefore* refers to the entire preceding seven chapters of Romans.

WE DON'T WANT THE CHANGED LIFE. WE WANT THE EXCHANGED LIFE.

We think of the Christian life as a “changed life”, but it is not that! What God offers us is an “exchanged life: “I live and yet no longer I, but Christ lives in me.”

This life is not something that we have to produce. It is Christ’s own life reproduced in us.

NO CONDEMNATION

The triple negative of assurance

Eternal security

Shame, guilt and rejection dispelled!

WHAT GOD NEVER EXPECTED

It is a source of untold relief to discover that God has never expected anything of us but unremitting failure.

Nothing that ever shocks us about ourselves shocks Christ; it may grieve Him, but never shocks Him. We cannot be shocked by what we expect!

LAW OF THE SPIRIT

The Law of the Spirit of Life is stronger than Law of Sin and Death.

We are set free from the Law of Sin and Death by the Law of the Spirit.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Declarative sentence: If you’re a Christian you do live in the Spirit. You don’t have an option. The Christian life is life in the Spirit.

The Christian life becomes practical through the life and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit takes all that Jesus is and makes Him experiential in our lives.

THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: GETTING TO KNOW THE ONE WHO LIVES WITHIN

The Trinity

Father designer; Son creator and Savior; Spirit facilitator

The Holy Spirit Who raised Christ also raises us to live a new life.

- The Holy Spirit is 100% God (Matthew 28:19 and 2 Corinthians 13:14). He is eternal (Hebrews 9:14), omniscient (John 14:26), omnipotent (Luke 1:35), and omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-10).
- The Holy Spirit is a person with His own unique personality who has an intellect (1 Corinthians 2:11) and his own personal will (1 Corinthians 2:11). He can love (Romans 15:30), grieve (Ephesians 4:30) and express every human emotion.
- The basic work of the Holy Spirit is to reveal, magnify and glorify Christ (John 15:26).
- The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment to come (John 16:8-11).
- The presence of the Holy Spirit in one's life is what makes him or her a Christian. The Holy Spirit "regenerates", or imparts spiritual life to men and women who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith (Ephesians 2:1-5; 2 Peter 1:4; John 1:3-6). The Holy Spirit permanently indwells every Believer. His entrance is not to be repeated (1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:9-10, 14).
- The Holy Spirit is the One who encourages, comforts and enables Christians to live the Christian life (John 14:16-18).
- The Holy Spirit fills Christians who are walking intimately with the risen Lord Jesus Christ with all the fullness of the life of Christ. This filling is variable and must be repeated often (John 7:37-39; Ephesians 5:18).
- The Holy Spirit gives out spiritual gifts to Believers as He pleases for the good of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:8-10; Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:11-12).
- The Holy Spirit's presence in the world prevents the coming of the Antichrist. When the Holy Spirit departs at the Rapture, the Antichrist will make his appearance and initiate his preordained works of evil (2 Thessalonians 2:3-8).

The Christian life is not accomplished by our living for Jesus! The Christian life is allowing Jesus to live His life in us.

The Christian life is not our trying to imitate Jesus. It is the Holy Spirit living in us personally.