

Sermon Questions

Gospel Living
Romans 8:2–8
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CONNECT:

Have you ever been surprised by someone's gracious response to you?

GROW:

Read Romans 8:2–8. A helpful definition of the word “law” as used in this instance (used 2x in verse 2) is “principle” or “power”. With this in mind, what, according to verse 2, is the great problem of humanity? What evidence of this do you see in our culture? What evidence of this do you see in your own life? Why don't we typically have an accurate view of the incredible power of sin in our own lives?

According to verse 2, what alternative (and greater) “law” (power/principle) is at work in the life of a Christ follower? How have you seen this evidenced in your own life?

What does it mean to “set your mind” on something? How is it different than just “thinking”? According to verses 5–8, there are only two options people can set their minds on. How do Ephesians 2:1–3 and Galatians 5:19–21 help us understand what it is to set our mind on the flesh? Here are some “things of the Spirit” to set our minds on—how does each one help us:

- Romans 8:14?
- Romans 8:15–16?
- Romans 8:26–27?

How can you keep these things front and center in your mind? What difference will it make to do so?

GO:

Share with another believer this week about how setting your mind on the “things of the Spirit” is helping you.

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1. Every person is in need of forgiveness of sin and reconciliation to our perfect God. We are all sinners (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8).
2. The penalty deserved by all, individually, for our sins (which is rebellion against God) is to be separated forever (eternal death) from a Holy, Holy, Holy God (Romans 6:23).
3. Jesus willingly paid the penalty of our sin, death, by dying for us on the cross. He was covered with our sins—the sinless One (Jesus) took our sins upon Himself and paid the penalty for our sins, death (2 Corinthians 5:21)—and then He rose again on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:1–15).
4. Jesus offers to be our Savior and Lord—to forgive us, cleanse us, redeem us, and eternally adopt us as His daughters and sons (Romans 8:15).

For this to happen, we must:

- A. **Admit** we are sinners, confess our sins to God, and ask Him for forgiveness (1 John 1:9)
- B. **Believe** that Jesus is God, who also took on humanity, and that He willingly paid the penalty of our sins by dying on the cross, being buried, and rising on the third day (Romans 5:1). He is risen!
- C. **Confess** that only by faith in Jesus alone as Savior and Lord is one saved (Ephesians 2:8–9)
- D. **Depart** (repent) from sins and control of oneself and, empowered by God's Spirit, begin to live for Jesus (Luke 13:3).

Romans 10:9–10 (ESV) “... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

Ephesians 2:8–9 (ESV) “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so no one may boast.”

John 3:16 (ESV) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Next Sunday: Romans 8:12–17