

No Longer in Debt to the Flesh

Romans 8:12-13

I. The Flesh is a Liar—And You Don’t Owe it Anything!

- A. The flesh demands *payment*, but it has no legitimate claim on you!
- B. The flesh has never given you *anything* worth owing!
- C. The flesh wants *control*, but the Spirit owns your future!

II. The Flesh Wants to Kill You—So You Must Kill It (v.

13a)

- A. The flesh leads in only one direction—toward death
- B. The flesh doesn't negotiate—it assassinates
- C. In this passage your main enemy is the flesh, not the devil

III. Killing Sin is a Daily Fight — But It's a Spirit-Powered Fight (v. 13b)

A. The fight is yours, but the power is God's

Lie #1 — “Holiness will just happen naturally”

Lie #2 — “Holiness is all up to me”

A truth — You fight, but the Spirit supplies the victory

B. The Spirit's sword does the killing, not your willpower

C. The Spirit's power flows through faith, not fleshly effort

TAKE HOME:

- Where am I still acting like a **debtor** to the flesh?
- What sin do I need to **kill** — not manage, not tame, not excuse — but kill?
- Which specific **promise** of God do I need to believe in my moment of temptation?