

# **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?