

ROMANS: PART 42
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The Nature of Christian Growth
Romans 8:12-14

Summary of Romans 6-7

1. You are a new creature thru regeneration. Sin's dominion over you has ended. Rom 6:1-23
2. You are still a sinner. Sin will remain in you to some extent until you die. Rom 6:6,19.
3. You must give your members over to righteousness & not let sin reign in you. Rom 6:12-22.
4. You cannot be sanctified by law alone (it sets the standard but gives no ability). Rom 7:1-25.
5. You have a terrible struggle between your new nature and the flesh (remaining sin). 7:14-25
6. You have no condemnation because you are in Christ Jesus. Rom 8:1-4.
7. You will receive little or no help in your sanctification thru: Legalism, Ritualism, Asceticism, Monasticism, Sacramentalism, Formulaism, Perfectionism, 2nd Blessing Theology, Pentecostal Emotionalism, Intellectualism, or Antinomianism. Romans 6-8; The Bible!

Christian Living. Romans 8:12-13.

1. You need to examine yourself carefully, Biblically, spiritually.
2. You have an "*obligation*" to live a holy life. **Human responsibility**
3. You "*put to death*" the deeds of the flesh. **Human activity**
4. You put to death the deeds of the flesh "*by the Holy Spirit*". **Divine ability**
5. You are "*led*" by the Spirit. **Divine Sovereignty**
6. You serve as "*sons of God*". **Position of security & the motive of love**
7. You need Scripture, sacraments, fellowship, prayer, Church. **The means of grace**

Application.

1. You need to grow in confidence of God's love & His salvation of you. **Right relationship**
2. You need to grow in personal faith & love for Him. **Right motive.**
3. You need to long for His glorification in your life. **Right goal.**
4. You need to be committed to His calling you to be holy (in specific terms). **Right standard.**