

“Reformation”

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Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, we thank You that by Your Word You have brought us out of the darkness of error into the light of Your grace. Help us to walk in that light, guard us from all error and false doctrine, and grant that we may not become ungrateful and despise and persecute Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Reading

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Message Notes

James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Colossians 2:13-14

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

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I John 4:18

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

Study Questions

Read Romans 8:1-11

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

1. Is it easy or difficult for you to rely on others for help?
2. When you need help, who do you most often turn to?

Based on Romans 8:1-11, answer the following questions:

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. As you read **Romans 8:1-11**, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?
2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?
3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

1. What do you think is meant by verse 1? What do you think it means to be “in Christ”? What do you think is meant by “condemnation”?
2. What do you think it means that, “the law is powerless”? In what way do you think it is powerless? What things could the Law not do (Romans 8:3; see also Romans 7:7-12)?
3. Who does “His own Son” refer to (Romans 8:3)?
4. What did “His own Son” do (Romans 8:3)?
5. For what reason did the “Son” accomplish these things (Romans 8:4)?
6. For whom does the “Son” accomplish these things (Romans 8:4)?
7. What two kinds of people are referred to in Romans 8:5?
8. According to Romans 8:6, what is the difference between the minds of these two kinds of people?
9. What are the four statements that are made regarding the ‘mind set on the flesh’ in Romans 8:7-8?
10. What is the overriding characteristic of those who are controlled by the Spirit (Romans 8:9)?
11. From Romans 8:9 we learned the Spirit of God dwells in every single Christian. How do you think the Spirit affects our lives (Romans 8:11)?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. As you study Romans 8:9-11, what is one new thing you have learned?
2. How might you apply this new understanding to your life?
3. How does it make you feel, knowing that the Spirit is living in you?
4. What is one thing you desire to change in your life because of these verses?