



Correspondent's Corner

It Just Doesn't Get Any Better!

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From Romans Chapter Eight

One of the purposes that chapter eight of Romans was written for was to show the source of power that is available for the believer to use to live their life for the Lord. One of the first things that Paul wrote in

Chapter 8 was this: "There is therefore now no condemnation (judgement) to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, (in the power of the flesh) but after the Spirit (in the power of the Holy Spirit). Paul writes further in Chapter 1:2 that the law (principle) of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. Verse 3 says "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." The law of Moses was something we could never attain to and obey all that was written in the law. Therefore we find it necessary to trust or rely on God saying that there is no condemnation possible to the believer in Christ. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1. Verse 4 tells us that we are declared righteous in God's sight because we have received the Saviour, and as a result we don't live our lives in our own power, but by the power of the indwelling Spirit of God. Paul goes on to say that the believer cannot produce righteousness in their own power, but it is necessary to rely upon the help of the Lord for His own children. A believer can try to live like a Christian should live, but the natural man is not capable of living a life that is pleasing to God on his own.

Paul also writes in verse 11 "Seeing that the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwells in you." "Therefore brethren, we are debtors not to the natural man to live after the flesh, for if ye live after the flesh ye shall die, but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." Romans 8:11-13. We are very well assured that the believer need not rely on his own strength or ability but on God's strength and ability. Therefore we rest in the work of Christ on the cross when He died for our sins and was raised again to show that God is well pleased with the death of his Son for us. Paul writes in Chapter 8:14-16 of the blessedness that the believer experiences daily as he walks with his Father and rejoices in what God has done for him or her. The provision that God makes for every one of His children is such a blessing for the believer to live their life in God's power and enjoy it. There is so much that God has done for his own, we don't have enough books or paper to put it all down on. "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of

God.” 8:16. It is practically too good to believe, but God says we have an inheritance through Him and through His Son. You may be one of those that suffers with Him, but we are all going to be glorified together.

In Romans 8:18 Paul writes “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

sincerely, *John Eggers*

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