

(Right Living 3 – Living in the power of the Holy Spirit)

You are encouraged to read Romans 8:1-17. Read it slowly and even through 3 or more times. If you are comfortable with writing in your Bible make notes or underline key phrases. Read it out loud if you can, or read it to someone else as well. Prayerfully ponder the questions: What does God want me to know from this section about Himself? What do I need to know about my sanctification? How does God offer a solution to the dilemma Paul described in Romans 7?

Please use the following material as you pray about this and as you prepare for teaching Session 4 at Cross of Glory. You are encouraged to bring your notes to class – the basic outline will be covered and the questions answered (or attempted to be answered). An additional handout will be distributed in class with the section for the small group time.

Introduction: The Law is fulfilled through the life in the Spirit (8:1-17) Paul's answer to the problem identified in Romans 7 is given here in Romans 8. He begins to spell out how Christ is the one who delivers us from the torment and tension and inability to please God that we face even after we are justified. Please reread Galatians 2:17-3:5 and also read Galatians 5:16-26 to help broaden understanding.

1. Our Sanctification is through the Spirit, not the Flesh (8:1-8)

What have we been set free from?

What confidence do we have from these verses?

From verse 4, how much of “the righteous requirements of the law” are met in us (by the Spirit) through the work of Christ?

2. Our Sanctification is through the Spirit whom all who are justified have received (8:9-11)

What is true of every single believer?

What are we no longer “controlled by”? What are we now controlled by instead? So what?

3. Our Sanctification is through a spirit of adoption, not fear (8:12-17)

How does sanctification through the work of the Spirit differ from sanctification through our own effort to keep the Law?

Why is our adoption as sons so significant in the process of our being sanctified?